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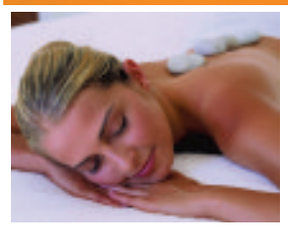

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Aladdin pantomime stars take to the Frost and ice

GARETH Gates appeared at Frosts Garden Centre at the weekend to celebrate the real outdoor ice-skating rink.

The Dancing on Ice star and his fellow cast members from Milton Keynes Theatre's Christmas pantomime Aladdin, supported by MK NEWS, put on their skates and entertained the crowds.

Nicola Brazil, who plays Princess Jasmine, sang to visitors before Britain's Got Talent finalist Paul Burling, aka Wishee Washee, entertained with his famous celebrity impressions and Gareth signed autographs for adoring fans.

Managing director, James Frost, said: "It was great to have some of this year's MK panto cast down to promote the ice rink.

"It gave our visitors an extra special Christmas treat."

Over the weekend, visitors to the centre in Woburn Sands also have the chance to see Santa in his grotto.

■ For more on Aladdin and your chance to win a family ticket to the panto, see MK Life from page 39.

If you want to read all the behind the scenes gossip from this year's show, visit our blog at www.mk-news.co.uk/christmas.

Nicola Brazil entertains the crowd at Frosts Garden Centre supported by, *from left*, Paul Burling, Gareth Gates and Tinsel Terry

Travel writer dies after brawl in a Moscow bar

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD man has died after he was injured during a fight in a Russian bar.

Colin Adams, who lived in Annesley Road, Newport Pagnell, was staying at the 25-storey Cosmos Hotel in central Moscow when the incident happened.

Reportedly he was drinking in the hotel's bar on Saturday night when the fight broke out.

A Russian police spokesman said: "A conflict broke out between a hotel barman and a guest.

"In the course of the fight the barman shoved the British citizen, who fell and hit his head and died before the arrival of an ambulance."

A 21-year-old bartender, Artem Okhotin, has been questioned by Russian police on suspicion of murder.

Mr Adams, a travel writer, had penned a book entitled The Mountain Walker's Guide to Wales, which was first published in 1991.

It is believed he was travelling in Russia, where he had been before, so he could get inspiration for a new book.

A friend of his in Moscow – named as Marianna P – has told the local media: "I met him several years ago at a cafe in the All Russia Exhibition Center.

"He did not smoke and didn't abuse alcohol – sometimes in the evening he liked to sit in a bar and drink a beer."

Police are still investigating the cause of Mr Adam's death and a post-mortem will be carried out in due course

Officers have released the bartender pending further inquiries.

The Cosmos Hotel in Moscow

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Festive frolics: The Olde Worlde Winter Wonderland at Middleton Hall

Christmas time has come to thecentre:mk

A PIECE of 'An Olde English Christmas' has come to thecentre:mk.

Middleton Hall has been transformed into a winter wonderland to celebrate the festive time of year.

The theme this year is Dickensian and shows a typical village at Christmas time.

A train, which has been sponsored by MK NEWS, will chug away around the display and transport excited children around the traditional stalls.

There is also an outdoor ice rink in Queens Court this year.

Money raised from this year's wishing pool display will go to the MK Play Association, a children's charity, to help it build playgrounds in the city.

Santa's grotto was officially opened, to a chorus of carols performed by schoolchildren from the city, on November 18.

■ To find out about the centre's expansion plans, turn to page 14.

Campaigners set to battle centre plans

BY DAN PALMER
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WORRIED members of the public have drawn up a battle plan against proposals to build a rehab centre for men with serious mental health problems in the centre of Bletchley.

If the green light is given, the 32-bed unit could place patients with schizophrenia and those who have been sectioned in a building close to 12 local schools, at the site of the burnt down White Hart pub in Whaddon Way.

A meeting held by West Bletchley Parish Council attracted hundreds to the Rivers ACE Centre in Trent Road on Monday and the view on the unit was clear – we don't want it.

Just hours before the meeting it emerged that the application in its current form had been withdrawn due to a technical issue but Cambian, the group behind the plan, will reapply to kick start the whole planning process again.

The hold up is because Cambian is finalising the process of buying the site and needs a certificate of ownership.

This meant West Bletchley Council did not make an official response on the plan, which will be decided by MK councillors.

But there was still time for the public and individual councillors to have their say and it wouldn't have made good listening for Cambian.

After the meeting, mother-of-two Catherine Harris, 26, who lives in Whaddon Way, said: "As a parent I am worried as my kids will have to walk past this centre and you don't know what could happen.

"It's sad what has happened to some of these people but this isn't the right place for the building."

Other fears voiced against the plan included road safety and that the size and security of the building wouldn't be suitable for those inside.

Those against the plan will need to object on planning grounds and have been urged to pack out the MK Council chambers when a decision is made, as well as write letters to decision-makers.

Parish councillor Tony Mabbott said: "We need to keep up the volume of opposition."

MP Iain Stewart has told Cambian he believes the site is 'inappropriate' but the company has said it believes concerns can be allayed before a decision is made in the new year.

Tributes are paid to talented playworker

TRIBUTES have been paid to Cris Cole Pendrey who died on a diving trip last weekend.

As reported last week, the 54-year-old lost his life while diving off the coast of Plymouth on an organised recreational trip on Saturday, November 26.

Members of the Milton Keynes Play Association have posted an online tribute which said: "Not only have we lost a very talented colleague but the play sector has lost a playworker with a wealth of knowledge, skills and passion.

"He was a brilliant playworker and an innovator. His legacy though will live on in our practice and he will not be forgotten."

Police on the hunt for machete-wielding robber

POLICE are searching for witnesses to an armed robbery in the Hodge Lea area.

At around 1.30pm on Wednesday, November 30 a man entered Hodge Lea Food and Wine in Brookside with his face covered and demanded a wallet from one of the sales assistants.

He then produced a machete and demanded money from the till from a second sales assistant.

After being given the cash, the offender left the shop on foot.

Det Sgt Neil Robinson said: "This was a nasty incident in which the threat of violence was used to intimidate the victim and we would urge anyone who saw him in the area to call us on 101."

Jobcentre Plus to subtract services

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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No new claimants are being taken at the Jobcentre Plus in Bletchely

THE hardship to those who have lost their job is being made even worse for those who live in the south of the city.

Bletchley Jobcentre Plus will no longer be accepting new claimants, forcing them to travel to the Central Milton Keynes office instead.

At present, about 2,400 people are registered in Bletchley, with most travelling from villages and neighbouring estates.

However, services at the centre are due to be run down and all new claimants will have to make the longer trip in order to sign on for Jobseeker's Allowance or to attend meetings.

As a result, it is also expected that the number of staff will be reduced, with management asking for volunteers to relocate.

The Department for Work and Pensions have confirmed that it will not close and will remain in use for the disabled and vulnerable, as well as lone parents.

The Milton Keynes Department for Work and Pensions said: "We are planning to conduct all Jobseeker's Allowance new claims interviews for the whole of the Milton Keynes area from our Central Milton Keynes office rather than from both Central Milton Keynes and Bletchley.

"The existing Bletchley customers would continue to receive support from that office until such a time as they cease claiming Jobseeker's Allowance, plus the office will continue to deliver services for the most vulnerable customers, such as crisis loans for those who live in the Bletchley area."

Jenny Richardson, Public and Commercial Services union rep, said: "My members are proud of the service they provide in Bletchley and want to continue to give the help they can in these difficult times.

"It is the customers who will suffer. Our members believe that this move is just to cut staff and is not in the public interest."

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Extra parking spaces

THE Parks Trust has made space available for 360 cars at its events plateau in Campbell Park.

Available from Saturday, at a flat fee of £5 per day, it is hoped the extra spaces will help to ease the parking squeeze over the Christmas period.

NHS Trust hold Bazaar

MILTON Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will be hosting its first Christmas Bazaar on Saturday and everyone's invited.

Proceeds from the entry fee and raffle on the day will go towards improving hospital facilities for children affected by cancer.

Doors open at 11am.

Harriet Harman in city

THE deputy leader of the Labour Party will be in Milton Keynes tomorrow.

Harriet Harman will be taking part in the party's local Christmas celebrations, as well as meeting supporters and discussing the impact of the Govenrment's Autumn statement on local families.

Joing her will be party spokesman Andrew Pakes.

Re-arrest in Manning case

A MAN has been re-arrested for the murder of Rachel Manning, who was killed 11 years ago.

The 40-year-old man from Bletchley was on bail after his initial arrest in September last year.

The disfigured body of Miss Manning, *pictured*, 18, was discovered in undergrowth at Woburn Golf Club two days after she went missing on her way home from a fancy dress party in December 2000.

Yesterday, Thames Valley Police confirmed a man had been re-arrested.

Det Supt Rob Mason, leading the investigation, said: "The man was arrested at his home address. He was due to answer police bail on December 12 but was re-arrested after new forensic evidence came to light."

Miss Manning's boyfriend, Barri White, was cleared of her murder in 2008.

Appeal for attack witnesses

A WOMAN was dragged from her car in a road rage incident.

Last Monday, a blue Rover and a black Vauxhall Tigra were at the roundabout at the junction of V6 Grafton Street and H3 Monks Way, when the driver of the Tigra beeped at the Rover for cutting in front of her.

At the next junction the blue Rover forced the Tigra to stop and two women got out of the Rover and pulled the Tigra driver from her car, punching her in the face.

The other then pulled the victim to the floor by her hair and kicked her, before leaving her at the side of the road.

If you witnessed the assault contact PC Chris Horner on 101.

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There is no place for a travellers' site in these austere times

SIR - As Milton Keynes Council was set to debate the proposed Fenny Lock travellers' site once again last night, it is time for some simple realism and mathematics to be applied.

We are in a time of austerity. Local authorities are under great pressure to get the best value for every pound spent.

The question is whether an expenditure designed to provide for the specialised needs of one small sub-section of the community can be considered best value for money?

When every penny counts surely the most appropriate use of any planned housing investment is in two areas – building new social homes for those who have nowhere to live, and/or renovating dilapidated properties up to a minimum standard.

Fenny Lock is planned to be a new permanent travellers' site, providing pitches with basic

The proposed location for travellers' site at Fenny Lock

amenities – but delivered in a form far more expensive per unit than any conventional social housing stock. They will also be of no use or value to anyone else in housing need.

If one special interest group has its requirements provided by the council, to the tune of £1.8 million or more, then every special interest group with a plausible housing need deserves the same treatment.

On that basis, just about every individual in Milton Keynes could claim a 'special interest' of choice.

Name and address supplied

SIR - The possible imposition of a travellers' site at Fenny Lock would spread more than 750,000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete over a recreational area formerly alive with some 200 mature trees.

It also would breach the wildlife corridor.

Sadly those trees have already been felled creating a bleak prospect from the adjacent Grand Union Canal, a jewel of Milton Keynes that is much cherished and enjoyed by all – walkers, cyclists, fishermen, birdwatchers, canoeists and boaters.

The bleak prospect will be further degraded by the erection of buildings and the caravans of the resident 'travellers'.

The area designated for the potential site is a valued green haven of peace amid established development and the A5D. Why has this area got to be desecrated?

Let us see it replanted – local volunteers would be readily forthcoming to do this – and returned as a small, but significant, part of England's green and pleasant land!

If travellers choose to become stationary should they not buy a house or join the housing waiting list like all other would be MK residents?

I hope Milton Keynes Council's safer and stronger communities select committee pondered these points when it reviewed the doubtful merits of the mooted travellers' site last night.

Rodney Evans
Fenny Stratford
For more on this story, see page 7

Bridge is too important

SIR - I have read your articles about the possible redevelopment of Secklow Gate bridge with great interest and I would like to make the following comments.

In my view, Secklow Gate is a very important and useful artery across the middle of CMK. I missed the use of the bridge when it was out of operation, as detours around it were noticeably indirect and time-consuming. I will object to any development which proposes to remove this route.

Given the considerable amount of undeveloped land that still remains in CMK (when is the old garden centre site going to be redeveloped for example?) I fail to see the justification of such a proposal at all.

Adrian Morrow
Sent by e-mail

Give us more time

SIR - Regarding the articles 'City bridge may be developed' (MK NEWS, November 23) and 'Worry over city bridge proposals' (MK NEWS, November 30), it is an absolute disgrace that the consultation about the proposed development at thecentre:mk is taking place for less than two days - three weeks before Christmas.

No-one in their right minds would visit the city centre now unless they needed to. And if they do need to they will be shopping – not considering future expansion plans.

This could affect drivers, commuters, visitors and the whole MK population – it should be properly shown around the city and at a more appropriate time and over a longer period.

Linda Childs
Sent by e-mail

No need for demolition

SIR - I wish to make my objection to the demolition plans for the Secklow Gate bridge.

Why is thecentre:mk wanting to destroy an important road infrastructure? With careful planning it could have been expanded without having to rip up the bridge.

When the bridge was closed for 18 months, it caused a lot of traffic pressure on the V7 Saxon Gate and Marlborough Gate, a road not designed for heavy traffic. It also caused the inconvenience of going round just to get to the south of the city centre.

I would like to see an elevated Secklow Gate road from H5 Portsway to H6 Childs Way on quality designed pillar supports with striking features.

With the road raised, you could have people moving beneath Secklow and in between buildings.

The raised Secklow Gate could reach the H5 and H6 grid roads as a graded junction with a H5 and H6 road as an underpass road.

This was in the original 1970s CMK plan:
http://www.mediaarchitecture.at/architekturtheorie/milton_keynes/2010_milton_keynes_en.shtml

I agree the city centre market area does need looking at and it could be relocated anywhere along the new elevated Secklow Gate, which would also keep the market covered from wet weather too.

On another note, the whole city centre needs to be upgraded and updated. After all we are building a city centre from scratch so we should be getting it right. CMK is a similar template to Melbourne in Australia's city centre, with its road layouts, city parks and railway station at one end. Melbourne even has a circular tram route around its city centre grid and we could have something similar.

Okay, we may not have Melbourne's beautiful city centre River Yarra in CMK, but let's have some great architecture structures and developments added to our city centre.

Jay Islania
Sent by e-mail
For more on this story, see page 14

Fears over MK flights

SIR - Following discussion on flight path plans and Philip Wareham's well-expressed views in MK Letters on November 16, reported flights for Cranfield Airport would follow a path across south east Milton Keynes over West Bletchley and Broughton from Monday to Friday, 8.30am-7.30pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9am-6pm.

It stated that procedures applied to such traffic allows a maximum of up to six aircraft movements per hour (up to 430 flights per week), unsustainable now but an alarming thought for the future!

It advised that realistically two aircraft per hour could fly over the city (128 flights per week).

Each flight would create noise pollution of up to 82 decibels for 20 seconds.

Mr Wareham rightly states there is a huge noise difference between aircraft arriving or departing and voices concerns regarding possible night flights and other disturbances.

Exposure to such noise pollution and air pollution every 30 minutes, 128 times a week, will not only have a negative impact upon those beneath the flight path but also in its vicinity and the area as a whole.

This is unacceptable.

The following lists some of those who will suffer:

- Hospices – disturbance of very or terminally ill patients
- Hospitals – patients ailing or recuperating
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- Nursing/care homes – patients in recuperation and elderly residents
- Mothers – sleep disturbance of very young and new born babies.
- Local residents and retirees – disruption to peaceful enjoyment of their homes and property
- Horses and riders in the parks – startling horses to bolt
- Farm animals – distress and disturbance
- Hotels and guest houses – disturbance to business and holiday guests
- Schools and colleges – interference with teachers and students' schooling activities
- Property values – further reductions
- New homes developments – builders cancelling their plans due to negative impact upon present and future sales potential and prices (who, given a choice, wants to live beneath a flight path or near an airport?).

We are constantly being warned by Government and local authorities not to harm the environment.

Aircraft along the proposed path or anywhere over Milton Keynes area will increase the carbon footprint and create noise pollution in direct contradiction of established environmental policy and guidance.

Our MPs and councillors must be mindful of responsibility to their electors.

People and organisations affected should express their views by contacting their councillors, members of parliament and the media without delay regarding Cranfield Airport's proposed approach procedures for Runway 03.

Michael Whitehand
Sent by e-mail

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Jenson Button on the track in the city to remember Dan Wheldon, *inset*

Dan honoured with kart race

SOME of motorsport's biggest names took to the track in the city to honour Emberton's Dan Wheldon.

F1 stars Jenson Button, David Coulthard and Martin Brundle and IndyCar champ Dario Franchitti were among those who remembered the double Indy 500 winner who was tragically killed in a crash in Las Vegas in October.

They competed in a special two-hour endurance kart race at Daytona Milton Keynes on Monday, which was described as a fitting send-off.

A total of £17,000 was raised by the race for the Wheldon family's chosen charity, the Alzheimer's Society.

Dan has also been awarded a posthumous lifetime achievement honour by the Autosport British Racing Drivers' Club.

Fatal crash survivor faces jail for claims

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A MAN who has admitted 'exaggerating' injuries he suffered in a car crash which killed two of his friends will find out this week if he is to be jailed.

Michael Richards, 31, was a passenger in the car which crashed into a house in Bletchley in 2004.

The accident cost the driver, Anthony Bannis, and a front-seat passenger their lives.

Mr Richards told doctors he was practically housebound and almost unable to communicate to maximise his £2.2million damages claim, lawyers have told the High Court.

But his case collapsed after he was filmed exercising in the gym, looking after his partner's children and driving a car, and he now faces a possible jail sentence if he is found guilty of contempt of court.

In an extremely rare case brought by the Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB), two senior judges will also decide the fate of Mr Richards' sister, Serina, and his foster father, Terence Alan Bassnett, who both deny any involvement in the alleged scam.

MIB barrister, William Featherby QC, told the court Mr Richards also got his sister and foster father to write statements describing his completely altered lifestyle.

When confronted with the evidence against him, Mr Richards dropped his claim from £2.2million to around £7,000, before withdrawing it completely.

Mr Richards, who wept as the details of the crash were described, told judges he had 'exaggerated his injuries', but the accident had a big impact on his life and caused him ongoing psychological problems.

Shop manager Ms Richards told the court she was shocked and angry when she eventually found out her brother was better than he had been letting on and told him she never wanted to see him again.

David Christie, for Bletchley resident Mr Bassnett, said the pensioner had poor literacy skills and had been told what to write on his statement by his foster son.

Despite finding 'inconsistencies' in his condition, none of the medical experts who examined Mr Richards ruled out psychological injuries and the MIB said their estimation of his actual injuries would have entitled him to a £50,000 payout.

All three defendants face a maximum two-year jail sentence if found in contempt of court.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Don't drink and drive

PARTY-GOERS are being warned to think before they drive the morning after enjoying a night out during the festive season.

Operation Tipple, a Thames Valley Police campaign, aims to make the roads safer by detecting motorists driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Traffic blackspot

MILTON Keynes Council will address the longstanding problem of the Trafalgar Avenue accident blackspot.

An investigation concluded that the gap in the central reserve should be closed.

Cllr Mick Legg said: "I am grateful for the help of the council. I think we can make progress.

"I will keep residents updated."

Probe over school blaze

AN INTERNAL investigation into a fire in a school science lab has been launched.

A science teacher was injured in the blaze at Hazeley Academy after her clothes caught fire during a 'tried-and-tested' routine last Wednesday.

Also injured was the six-year-old son of another school teacher who was with her at the time.

The academy, in Emperor Drive, Hazeley, was closed to pupils in years seven to 11 as part of the national strikes.

The teacher was airlifted to hospital and is reported as being 'comfortable' and 'up and about'. It is believed some of her injuries, to her face and body, may not be as serious as first thought.

The boy escaped with minor injuries and was released from hospital on the same day and returned to school the following day.

There will now be a full, internal investigation by the school, while the Health and Safety Executive is also carrying out an investigation.

In a statement the school, which became a specialist science college in 2008, said: "The principal, Mr Bennison, attending a pre-booked national conference in Birmingham on the day, was called and returned immediately.

"He immediately praised his deputies and other staff for their expert handling of the situation."

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Tree planting day for pupils

GREEN-FINGERED pupils at Merebrook Infant School have taken part in a tree planting day.

As part of National Tree Week, each class planted either apple, plum or pear trees during the day around their very own trim trail.

Headteacher Steve Upton said: "When all the development is complete we will have an outdoor learning environment to be truly proud of which will really enhance our children's learning experiences."

Learning experience: Merebrook Infant School pupils planting their trees

Gypsy site back up for discussion

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A MEETING to discuss the future of a controversial travellers' site was due to be held last night.

The safer and stronger select committee at Milton Keynes Council was set to look at options for potential projects at the Fenny Lock site.

In August the Conservative administration suspended development of the area, after £600,000 had already been spent on clearing woodland, for 'further investigation'.

Work started earlier this year after the scheme was given approval by the then Liberal Democrat decision-making cabinet in December.

The Conservative cabinet suspended the work for a review which would look into whether the £1.2million that is left could be better spent elsewhere.

Under the review it states that continuing with the travellers' site is scored as a 'high' need as it 'appears to meet the needs of a highly disadvantaged group'.

Other plans on the table, which were due to be discussed last night, included building new homes in the city, improving council homes or refurbishment of the Willen Road travellers' site.

There were also suggestions of using the money for adaptions to houses which would enable people to live more independently, converting council properties into temporary accommodation, a self-build project, mortgage rescue and to buy back shared ownership shares on hardship grounds.

■ For more on the story, see www.mk-news.co.uk for a round-up of last night's meeting.

£12million boost for energy partnership

A PARTNERSHIP between Milton Keynes Council and an energy company has won more than £12million in Government cash.

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Cllr David Hopkins said: "The project is a huge boost to our ambition to be an international showcase Smart City and attract inward investment."

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Rail link to bring hundreds of jobs

Ready for action: Part of the old disused line

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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NEW platforms at Bletchley railway station and hundreds of local jobs are just some of the benefits the reopening of East-West Rail will bring.

Among the gloomy forecasts of last week's Autumn Statement from Chancellor George Osborne came the surprising announcement that the East-West Rail line will be reopened for the first time since 1967.

The western section of the line, from Oxford to Bedford through Bletchley and Milton Keynes, will be reopened in a £250million move that is expected to create around 12,000 jobs.

It is then hoped the line will be extended along the rest of its original route from Bedford to Cambridge.

The announcement was the culmination of a 25-year campaign by various groups to reopen the line.

The East-West Rail Consortium project manager Patrick O'Sullivan said: "This is absolutely huge, we haven't stopped celebrating. When the line was closed Milton Keynes was just about to be born.

"This is something that will bring opportunities for new jobs, new housing – as people like to live close to stations – and the growth which is greatly needed now. We will be putting in new platforms at Bletchley and there's already platform 2A at Milton Keynes Central."

MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, was also a staunch campaigner for the line and had only set up an all-party group for the cause on November 8, with a debate in Parliament on November 15. An announcement on funding was not expected until next summer.

He said: "There was a bit of press speculation so I was hopeful that this would happen, but I didn't know."

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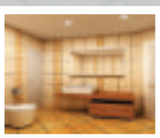

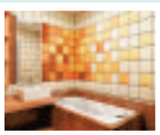

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Concerns over 999 centre's relocation

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A COUNCILLOR believes moving the fire service's call centre could cost valuable time locating addresses.

The plan to move the centre to Cambridge will be discussed at a meeting of the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority on Wednesday, December 14.

Green Party councillor Tony Mabbott, who represents West Bletchley, is asking residents to go to the meeting to air their views.

He said: "There has been no consultation with residents about this decision, which will inevitably lead to local job losses.

"By locating the control room in Cambridgeshire, where staff will inevitably be unfamiliar with local streets, vital time may be lost locating the address of a 999 caller.

"This Government has some fine words about supporting localism, but relocating vital emergency services to Cambridge shows that in reality they have no commitment to supporting local people or local jobs."

The plan to move the centre, which is currently based in Aylesbury, was announced at the end of September.

It would be a change to what was previously put forward to move the 999 call centre to Hampshire, but this was scrapped by the Government in December.

Suffolk's fire service already operates from the centre in Cambridge.

Chief Fire Officer Mark Jones said: "Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority is bound to act in the interests of the public, and one of the keys to success of any control room relocation is that the public will not notice any change when they dial 999.

"Neither I nor Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority would ever advocate a change which would prejudice public or staff safety."

The meeting will take place at Brigade Headquarters in Stocklake, Aylesbury, at 11am.

Safety fears: Councillor Tony Mabbott and Green MEP Keith Taylor outside Bletchley Fire Station

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College is turned into crime scene

BY DAN PALMER
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MOST associate the classroom with subjects such as maths and geography but Milton Keynes College offered something a little bit different this week.

As forensics is one of the top answers given when young people are asked about their chosen career, the college created a scene which could have come from the hit TV show Crime Scene Investigation (CSI).

This allowed those wanting to follow in the footsteps of characters Catherine Willows and Nick Stokes to have a go at solving their very own murder case.

Free taster sessions in CSI were arranged for yesterday and today so youngsters could see if it really would be the job for them.

Based in a lab, the lessons challenge the students to gather evidence to try and track down a killer.

Other sessions have also been held as tasters for different careers, such as computer game design, building and engineering, health, social and childcare, art and design, hair and beauty and catering.

They were all open to 16-24 year-olds and there was no need to have any prior qualifications.

A student collects evidence at the college 'crime scene'

Anyone who gets the bug can be advised about how to pursue their chosen career, with new courses getting started at the college from January.

College marketing manager, Emma Thompson, said: "This is the first time we have ever offered this try it and see programme.

"We have named it 'get into' because it will enable young people to see what it's like to get into forensics or game design to name just two.

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Local group liaison

AT THE announcement of Milton Keynes Council's £19million budget-saving measures last Tuesday night, two people sat in the public gallery.

That's something the Conservative council leader, Andrew Geary, is taking heart from as his party's budget enters the public consultation period, which started on Monday.

"I'll take it as a compliment," he told MK NEWS, "for the way that the administration has managed to put a budget together working with the people of Milton Keynes."

Last year, there was strong opposition to some of the cost-saving measures proposed as part of the budget, such as the closure of two libraries and four nurseries.

But Cllr Geary, *pictured*, believes this year's plans will be less controversial, as he says the budget has been developed by working with the local organisations the council could soon be using to take on services it can no longer afford to provide.

"The cuts the voluntary organisations had last year were massive to them and we've managed to work with them, to see what they need, which is why we didn't have a lot of them turning up at the meeting.

"Some of their grants might only be a few hundred pounds, but to the local community they are absolutely vital.

"This year, the general principle is whatever percentage cut we've received in our formula grants, we've applied to what we pass on to other organisations.

Bulky waste awaits collection in Fishermead

"Voluntary and community organisations will be the ones who take on some of the services we can't fund and do ourselves, we realise that, and as they do we are funding them based on what we hope they can deliver for us.

"If they are helping to deliver services to the community we will fund them accordingly."

As an example, Cllr Geary pointed to the work the Citizens Advice Bureau has done to help solve housing issues and the possibility of passing on the running of community centres and grass cutting services to parish councils.

He said the model of the council's approach now would be to commission services, rather than delivering them in-house.

Cllr Geary also said he thought this year's budget proposal would also be a success due to the 'strategic' approach taken by the cabinet and officers in putting it together.

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In a move that has already been heavily criticised by the Liberal Democrat opposition, cemetery and crematorium charges could be raised, which is expected to save around £75,000 over the next three years.

Cllr Geary said that, as the charges are 'very reasonable', funerals are being arranged in the city from places such as Aylesbury.

Charges for pest control could also be increased, expected to save £460,000 in the next three years.

Bulky waste collections
As part of the proposals, households would be charged for bulky waste collections, raising £350,000 next year, an amount that has been put aside to mitigate any increase in fly-tipping.

Cllr Geary says free collections, as they currently are, for bulky waste is a rarity among local authorities.

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An artist's impression of the exterior of the new Secklow Gate extension

Expansion plans on show

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE public was being asked what it thought of thecentre:mk's development plans as they went on display last week.

A £30million project has been suggested by the owners of the shopping centre, which would include the erection of two new retail buildings in the place of the southern section of Secklow Gate bridge.

This would mean the open-air market would be moved, possibly further along Midsummer Boulevard, and the boulevard itself would be levelled out.

Speaking at the exhibition on Friday, development director Jonathan Weymouth told MK NEWS: "There's no planning application in yet and we really want to get to the people of Milton Keynes and what they want for the shopping centre.

Have your say: The plans on display at thecentre:mk

"The centre of this city has got to remain vital, otherwise it loses out to places like Bedford and Luton and the peripheral retail parks.

"If the retailers can't find a location here, they will move out of the centre."

Centre director Robert Hall said the development plan was in response to competition from places such as Bedford, but not in direct response to MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman's plans for a retail park next to stadium:mk.

He said: "Retail doesn't stand still. When this building was built and designed, it was done so with development in mind. We've known about development near the stadium for a while and congratulations to Pete for what he's put together down there.

"This is more about applications in places like Luton, those are the competition for us. We will always share a customer base with other local centres, like Kingston."

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Fight: Protesters state their case on the picket line outside Milton Keynes Council's offices last Wednesday

Pensions protest makes its point

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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TEACHERS, police officers and council staff were among those who went on strike to protest against changes to their pensions.

A large picket line formed outside Milton Keynes Council's Civic Offices in Silbury Boulevard last Wednesday morning, where a rally was held at midday.

Meanwhile, parents at almost 30 schools were forced to look after their children for the day as closures and partial-closures took hold.

The city-wide walk-outs were part of a national day of strikes for public sector workers in a dispute over pensions.

Jim Hiom, GMB branch secretary, said: "We can't afford to strike, but we have to. It seems the Government is not listening, we have had to come out to show we are not going to be walked over anymore."

Frank Reedy, chairman of the city area branch of UNISON, added: "I've been paying my pension for 25 years and now they want to take money out to save their deficit, it's not their money to take."

Conservative MP Iain Stewart responded: "Negotiations are still ongoing. I know there's a strong feeling and I completely understand, but for the strikes to go on before that's concluded I think is premature.

"Given the financial climate we are in and the changing demographics, with people living a lot longer, adjustments have to be made."

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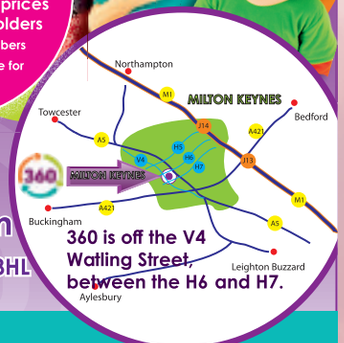

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BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE care given to bereaved parents at Milton Keynes Hospital is being enhanced thanks to some of its dedicated donators – including one man who has previously lost a baby.

The hospital has completed the Butterfly Suite, named by the members of the Milton Keynes Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (SANDS) group based in the hospital, which is a dedicated room for parents who have lost their baby.

The room will be used by parents before, during and after delivery and is situated on the labour ward.

The suite, which offers private space for parents, has now been refloored and redecorated.

It has also been equipped with a double bed, sofa, fold-down chair bed, a TV and soft lighting, as well as an en-suite washroom.

The hospital said all this will make a huge difference to parents needing quiet time after experiencing the traumatic event of losing a child.

The project was made possible thanks to charitable donations from the Friends of Milton Keynes Hospital & Community, fundraiser Simon Gill and the Milton Keynes SANDS group.

Helping hand: *Back from left*, fundraiser Neville Billington and bereavement midwife Tracy Rea. *Front from left*, fundraiser Simon Gill and Pip Morris and Jane Radice from SANDS

Mr Gill carried out an 'Ultra Marathon' to raise funds for the suite – a gruelling 40 miles across the Peak District – and his fundraising efforts were then matched by his employer Mazars.

He said: "When my wife and I had a little girl stillborn at 25 weeks, I was so grateful for the care we received from the doctors and midwives at Milton Keynes Hospital. I heard that staff were raising funds for a bereavement suite and I really wanted to do something to help families like mine in the future.

"Having seen the new facilities, I was really impressed and know that it was worth the effort."

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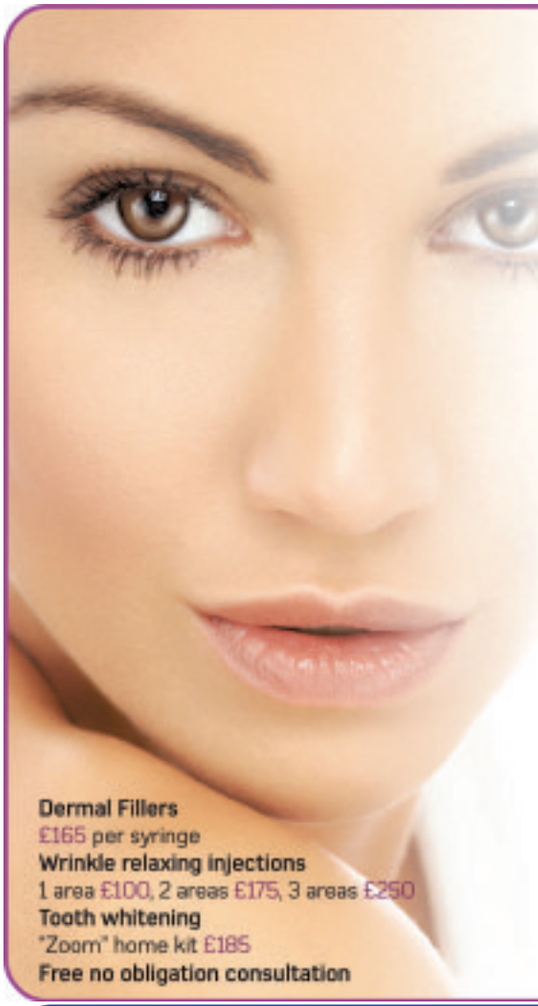

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Money aiming to help city groups

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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GRANTS totalling £100,000 have been awarded to three areas in the city to try to improve the quality of life for the people living there.

Under its Community First scheme, the Government has granted £50,865 to be used in the Woughton area, £50,865 for Campbell Park and £33,910 for the Bradwell area.

The aim of Community First is to support local projects that are intended to improve quality of life by promoting a sense of ownership of not only problems but local opportunities and resources.

It is hoped the money will also help to revitalise existing neighbourhood groups, help neighbourhoods play a leading role in regenerating their area and introduce a new approach to funding by leveraging in time, money and other resources.

Support will now be given to help create Community First Panels, which will be made up of local people who live in each ward, or who are members of an existing group.

Cash boost: Campbell Park is one of the areas that has received a grant

The panels will develop Community Plans by 2013, aimed at reflecting local views and they will decide priorities for using funds in their wards.

The panels will also promote local fundraising for the Endowment Match Challenge – part of the Community First programme that begins in 2015 when the G0overnment will give £1 for every £2 raised.

Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) regeneration team has now started work with the three wards.

Jane Reed, MKC assistant director of housing, said: "This funding, and the Community First initiative, will provide communities with further opportunity to really take charge and get to grips with the issues that affect them.

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Digging in: Green Gym user Jadie Baker with the Health Lottery cheque

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BY DAN PALMER
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Paul Forrest-Jameson, area manager for BTCV, said: "We are delighted to have received this funding from our local society lottery which will help us to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Milton Keynes.

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Charitable helper donates her award

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AN INSPIRATIONAL volunteer was rewarded for her 20 years of service – and immediately gave her prize money to charity.

Eighty-six-year-old Elsie Gibling, *right*, volunteers 14 hours each week at the Age UK Peartree Centre, where she greets visitors on reception and has helped with lunch clubs for the last 20 years.

Sue Graham, vice-chairman of Age UK Milton Keynes' Board of Trustees, said: "Elsie's always bright and cheerful, she's always available for others and she gives a warm welcome to all of our visitors. It's a joy to have her with us."

Elsie is to be rewarded for her service by Milton Keynes Council in its Golden Wonder awards

later this month and has been given £50 for being an 'inspirational individual'.

But rather than treating herself for Christmas, Elsie donated her award to the MK Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Appeal, which will support older and vulnerable people in Milton Keynes this winter.

Elsie said: "I was quite shocked and pleased. I can get about quite easily and I have a lot of energy and I do feel sorry for people who might be on their own. I thought donating the money was the best thing to do. That's why I jumped at it."

Sarah Sweet-Rowley, marketing manager at the Community Foundation, said: "Elsie is so deserving of this award, she is truly inspirational and we will ensure her gift to us directly benefits our older and vulnerable communities this winter."

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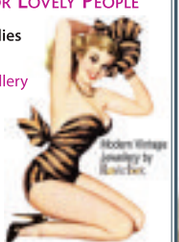

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Food service requires help

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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Iain Stewart, *left*, and Mark Lancaster at the Food Bank

THE city's two MPs mucked in to help one of Milton Keynes' most important charities on Friday.

And the Food Bank, which provides parcels to families and individuals who need that extra help feeding themselves due to employment and economic circumstances, needs your help.

The parcels it provides offer a balanced, nutritious diet for several days and the charity needs more donations, of either food (particularly long-life juice) or money.

As of November 30 Food Bank had given out 6,211 food parcels to families – an increase of 63 per cent compared to the same period last year. Of those, 2,201 were child packs for under 16s.

Mr Stewart said: "I was delighted to volunteer some of my time putting together food parcels for those needing them. The Food Bank does fantastic work in the local community and I am glad that I can support its work."

Mr Lancaster added: "It was great to help put together the food parcels and I hope that this will bring Christmas cheer to those in need."

Forty-one per cent of the adults using the service are in the 26 to 40 age group, with 28 per cent being 16 to 25, and 25 per cent being between 40 to 60.

Only two per cent are over 60 and the charity hopes this will be addressed by the soon-to-be-launched Mobile Food Bank that will deliver to the elderly, disabled and housebound.

If you want to help a permanent trolley is set up in ASDA in Bletchley by the George entrance making it easy for people to shop and donate.

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Christmas tree has important message

BY DAN PALMER
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THE Christmas tree at Central Milton Keynes Library is not just for the festive season this year – as it's also raising awareness about domestic violence.

White Ribbon Day, a global campaign to ensure men take more responsibility for reducing levels of violence against women, was held last month and now the tree has been decorated with ribbons of its own.

It is hoped that the tree, which has been placed in the foyer, will help highlight abuse taking place in the local area.

The tree is also decorated with cards from MK ACT – which provides support to affected families in the city – that can be taken by visitors to the library to put around places where they may work or socialise.

Other awareness information is also available to take away.

Domestic abuse and sexual violence reduction co-ordinator Neil Dodds said that the tree was a good idea.

He said: "We all need to break the silence of domestic abuse.

"Victims of such domestic abuse are usually silent, they cloak themselves in guilt and shame.

"That's why intervention can be so important. Unless someone reaches out, victims frequently suffer domestic abuse because they think there's no other choice.

"Reaching out even if only to give someone the number to a helpline can actually save someone's life."

MK ACT offers a crisis intervention service – a single point of referral which ensures clients tell their story only once – as well as accommodation and follow-up services.

The group aims to work with those affected to reduce suffering.

Anyone needing information or advice can ring MK ACT on 0844 375 4307.

Special message: Neil Dodds, domestic abuse and sexual violence reduction co-ordinator and Colin Wilderspin, deputy Safer MK manager

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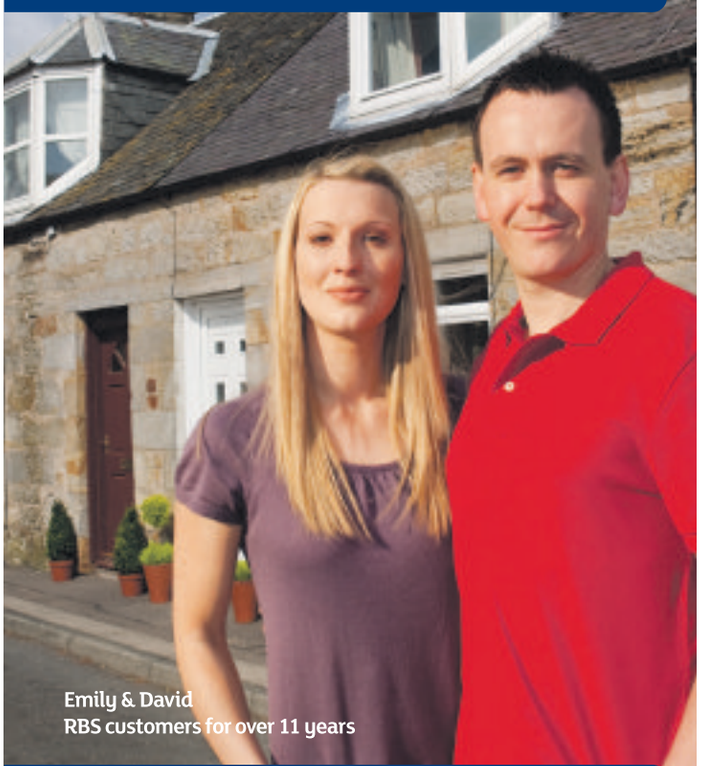

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Children at Oxley Park Academy were joined by Santa, his reindeer, helpers and real snow

Students pick a Christmas tree

STOKE Goldington CE First School headed to a farm to pick their own Christmas tree last week.

The 19 children from Foundation Stage and years one and two spent half a day at Stoke Goldington Christmas Trees, enjoying a guided walk around the plantation, plus the chance to plant their own tree saplings which should be ready to harvest in seven to eight years.

Xmas joy for pupils

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CHILDREN at Oxley Park Academy were greeted by a magical sight when they arrived for school on Thursday.

Traditionally, December 1 is Winter Wonderland Day at the school, when it is transformed overnight by Santa's little helpers and the children arrive excitedly to admire the lights and decorations.

But this year was even more spectacular. They were greeted by Father Christmas himself, who had brought with him two of his reindeer and two helpers.

Principal Cathy Higgins, said: "Winter Wonderland Day has become a real tradition at Oxley Park and is one of the many highlights of our school year. It has been an absolute joy to see the children's faces and I am sure they will have some very special memories of this day for a long time to come."

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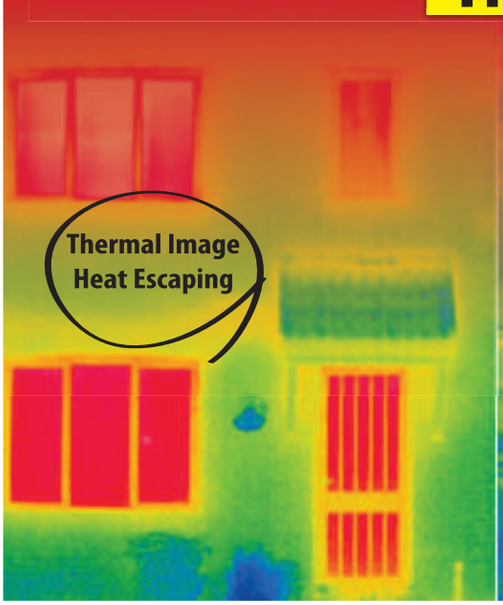

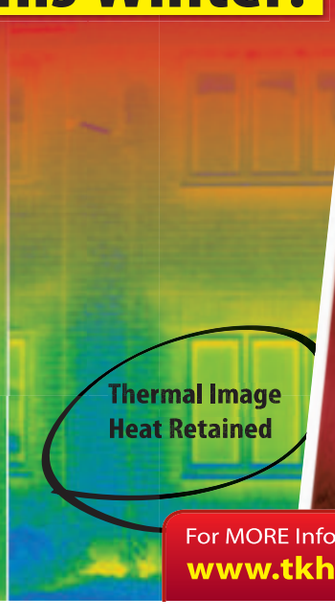

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MK BUSINESS

Pupils rock on thanks to firm

BY DAN PALMER
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A SPONSORSHIP deal with a major company means that one city school is ready to rock.

Home Retail Group, the holding company for shopping giants such as Homebase and Argos, has established a partnership with The Radcliffe School in Wolverton which will see the FTSE 250 firm sponsor the pupils' production of We Will Rock You.

Supporting the performance of Ben Elton's Queen musical – the school's first show in eight years – is just one of the benefits of the link-up.

The company, which has its central office on Avebury Boulevard in CMK, also supports the school in other areas where the business can make a difference, and will continue to do so over the next three years.

A Home Retail Group spokesman said: "We are delighted to be supporting the students, teachers and school with this fantastic production.

"The work and commitment from the school has been outstanding.

"If you haven't already secured a seat, do it quick as these students are brilliant."

In addition to sponsoring the show, a small team made up of people from different areas of the business is helping by organising things such as ticket design and the printing and production of the programmes.

Students were invited to a photographic studio to create promotional materials for the production, and some of the cast even went to head office to perform some of the songs.

Home Retail Group volunteers have helped to clear out the school grounds, three students worked within head office during the summer and other teams are working with the school to design a mentoring programme and a reward and recognition scheme.

"We believe the partnership will offer great opportunities for both the school and Home Retail Group and we look forward to working with everyone involved during the next three years," the spokesman said.

Radcliffe's Assistant Head teacher Steve Truman added: "The support from Home Retail group and the project team has been fantastic. We are so grateful."

The show runs today, tomorrow and Friday with doors at 5.45pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children from the school.

Law company named the best again

CITY based commercial law firm EMW Law LLP has been named Corporate Law Firm of the Year for the third time at this year's Insider Central and East of England Dealmakers Awards.

Based in Knowlhill, EMW have advised on many big deals this year.

The management team of Heating Plumbing Supplies Limited, in a management buyout of the existing business via an open offer to shareholders. This transaction won the 2011 Deal of the Year at the awards.

Ian Mabbutt, Principal at EMW, said: "We are thrilled to have won the Corporate Law Firm of the Year award - it is a welcomed recognition of the level of our transactional activity in a challenging market and of the high standard of our service.

"We would like to thank the local corporate finance community and our clients for their continued support.

"We were also delighted that the buyout of Heating Plumbing Supplies won Deal of the Year.

"We have worked with the management team since our earliest days, and as a law firm we were very pleased to be chosen by them to help them on this critical transaction."

A pizza the action: *From left,* Domino's HR director Jane Franks and HR consultant Debi Bond receive the TJ award from Sue Parr, head of product and solutions at the Open University

A big slice of success

A LEARNING tool developed to help Domino's Pizza managers improve their HR knowledge of discipline and grievance has been named as the e-learning programme of the year by the Training Journal.

Known as D Tube, the programme includes a series of videos to highlight and test managers on various in-store scenarios.

Jane Franks, HR director at Domino's, which has its headquarters in the city, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won an award for D Tube.

"It provides an innovative and engaging way to train our store managers, which adheres strongly to the overall culture of our business.

"Having only launched D Tube earlier this year, to have already had the programme recognised by TJ is a fantastic achievement."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Recycling firm buy-out

A CITY-based recycling company has been bought out in a move worth almost £16million.

Community Waste Recycling Ltd, which operates the Materials Recycling Facility in Wolverton for Milton Keynes Council, has been acquired by Taunton firm Viridor for 15.75million.

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Businesses guide the way

A WHOLE host of businesses are lending their support to try to make this year's Wolverton Lantern Festival, on Saturday, the biggest and best yet.

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TO CELEBRATE the launch of their festive menu, the team at The Barn Beefeater Grill, CMK, is launching a search to find the UK's funniest jokers to pen the official Beefeater Grill Christmas cracker jokes for 2011.

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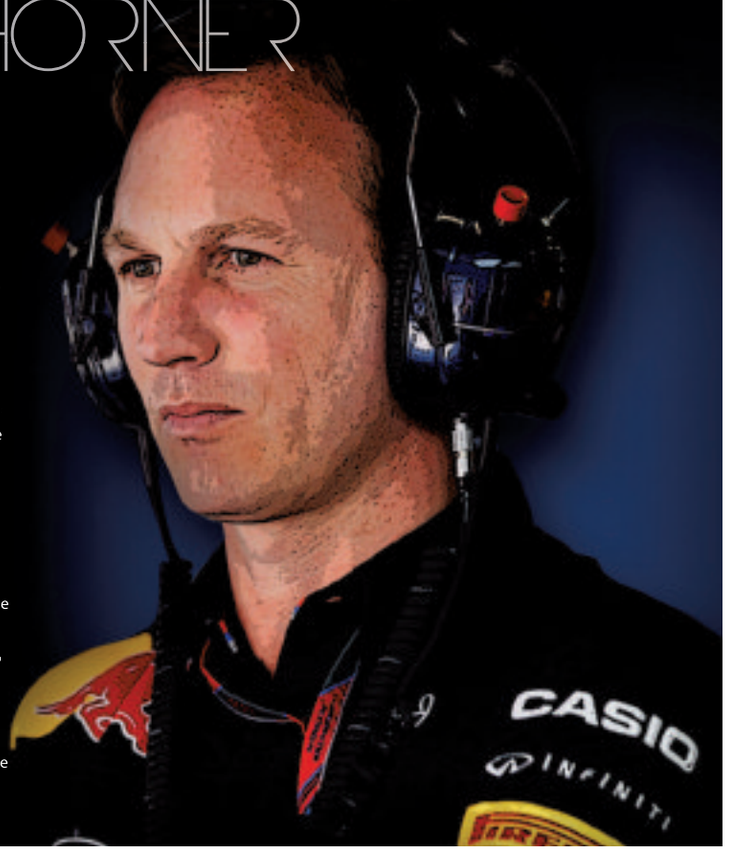

IN the team's own words, 2011 has been 'awesome' for Red Bull Racing.

Sebastian Vettel claimed his second successive Formula One world drivers' title and the Tilbrook based team cruised to another Constructors Championship.

There were 18 pole positions, 12 wins and 27 podium finishes, so team principal Christian Horner is feeling rightly proud. Now, the team's top man is preparing to celebrate in style when Red Bull's home run invades the city. "It's been the most amazing year," Horner told MK NEWS. "To win both titles with three races to go is a unique situation."

When asked to pick out the key moments of the season Horner doesn't look any further than its earliest races. He said: "It was important to get off to a good start so winning the first race in Melbourne was important, as was winning the second in Malaysia. Then it was about maintaining that form throughout the heart of the championship, winning in places such as Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Spa and Monza. There was only one race all season when we didn't get on the podium."

Red Bull were dominant this year and both titles looked to be as good as won long before they were officially confirmed. But Horner insists that he always concentrated on the job in hand and never thought that the trophies were in the bag. "You never allow your mind to drift," he said. "You push all the way until completion of the target and although we had a healthy lead, you know that in this game things can change very quickly."

With the season now over drivers Vettel and Mark Webber will have the opportunity to recharge their batteries on holiday – but that won't be the case for most at the factory as work for next year has already begun. "This is now the busiest time of year for the factory because we're flat out with construction of the car," Horner said. "It's long hours at the moment, work for next year started on the Monday after the final race in Brazil."

Horner added that new car regulations coming in would not hinder Red Bull's challenge against main competitors Ferrari and McLaren. "In the last couple of years refuelling was banned and double diffusers were banned," he said. "This year the exhaust position has been moved which will change aerodynamics but it's not a major change. It's a question of evolution, the rules have been fairly stable. "To be honest we'd have liked to freeze the regulations after Brazil so you can't change your car for two years."

The desire to win remains at Tilbrook despite the success already achieved, with Horner claiming that the workforce are 'hungry' for more. But they will take Saturday off to join thousands for the city celebration. "It's the perfect way to celebrate both championships," Horner said. "It will be action packed entertainment. "We run our cars all over the world but we've never actually done this in Milton Keynes. So much of our workforce comes from the local area and it's a celebration for the city. MK is mentioned so much in the commentary, it's great to recognise the city like this."

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Red Bull TO ROCK MK

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SEBASTIAN Vettel may have hogged the headlines and the limelight after he cruised to another Formula One world title – but the German knew that he would have been lost without his army of Milton Keynes helpers.

Milton Keynes South MP Iain Stewart said the city could become the new 'home of motorsports' after the phenomenal year and as the team's superb success was born and bred here there's no reason to suggest that this might not happen.

Vettel was quick to praise the Red Bull staff behind the scenes when he claimed the drivers' title at the Japanese Grand Prix.

He said: "I want to thank all the guys and girls in the factory in Milton Keynes, as it's not just us here pushing very hard, it's them as well – from the post office to the design office to the engineering office here at the track, their effort is just incredible."

The 24-year-old will now have some time off before the 2012 season, after this Saturday's home run of course. And now he has time to reflect on a memorable season which could have barely gone any better.

He said: "We had a great season. It's really incredible – going into the season we thought we had a competitive car and that maybe we could win some races, but it has been phenomenal.

"The team has been faultless most of the time and raised their level massively compared to the last two years.

"We enjoy what we do and it's nice to come into the garage each day and see everyone with a smile on their face being happy. That's the main thing – we love what we do and are passionate about it."

"WE HAD A GREAT SEASON

Fellow Red Bull driver Mark Webber admitted that it wasn't the best season for him, but also said it wasn't the worst after he finished the championship standings in third.

"I had a weak start to the year and wasn't able to capitalise on misfortune from others or put myself in a situation to win fair and square, which is what you want," he said.

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Formula One World Champ Sebastian Vettel and team-mate Mark Webber will take their cars for a spin at race speed along Midsummer Boulevard between Saxon Gate and Grafton Gate, and it's completely free to turn up and watch.

Also confirmed are David Coulthard in a Red Bull NASCAR, motorcycle stunt rider Chris Pfeiffer and numerous other attractions, exhibitions and demonstrations designed around Formula One.

This will include a workshop with experts on hand to talk you through the science behind the speed machines. Between 20,000 and 40,000 people are expected with the action taking place between 12.30pm and 3pm. Here's all you need to know about this festival of sight, sound and high speed...

GETTING THERE

MK Council recommends that race fans use public transport to get to the event, or cycle/walk on the redways if possible.

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TRAIN: Additional carriages will be added to selected Milton Keynes bound trains on event day, with MK Central station around 400m from Grafton Gate.

ROAD CLOSURES

As well as Midsummer Boulevard, Grafton Gate (V6), Witan Gate and Saxon Gate (V7) will all be closed between Silbury Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard.

WHERE TO PARK

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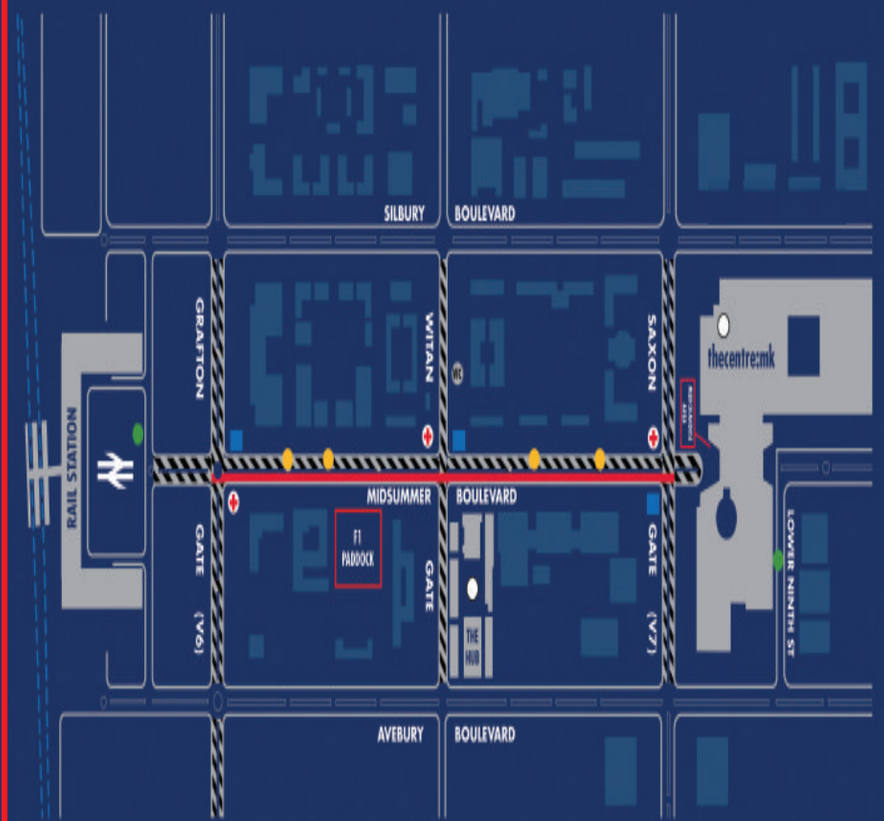

1PM: F1 car run: Mark Webber
1.10PM: Stunt bike display: Chris Pfeiffer
1.20PM: NASCAR display: David Coulthard
1.30PM: F1 car run: Sebastian Vettel
1.40PM: NASCAR display: David Coulthard
1.50PM: Stunt bike display: Chris Pfeiffer
2PM: Mark Webber and Sebastian Vettel Car Run
2.10PM: Q&A for fans with Mark Webber and Sebastian Vettel
2.15PM: Driver parade laps

THE ROUTE

The route will be extremely busy on event day and spectators are asked to show each other every courtesy – this means not blocking the view, and using the space sensibly. It is asked that seats are not brought. Safety marshalls will be in position along the route to ensure that people remain behind the barriers. Loud noise is to be expected – this is Formula One cars in action so be aware of this for your own safety, and specifically for the safety of young children and babies. First aid points and temporary toilets will be positioned along the route and are positioned on the map. There will be three big screens.

INFORMATION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Additional blue badge parking for disabled people will be made available at points along Saxon Gate (near the Holiday Inn) and on Grafton Gate (south of the junction with Midsummer Boulevard). There will be reserved areas along the route which will be accessible to wheelchair or mobility scooter users only. Each spectator may be accompanied by one non-wheelchair user only in these reserved areas. Spaces cannot be reserved and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

FOOD AND DRINK

There are restaurants and cafes on and near the route, and many are planning to offer special deals on event day. No temporary traders such as burger vans will be available in order to maximise space for spectators.

CAMPING

Barriers and other material will be set up overnight on Friday so camping out is not recommended. Anyone staying over is advised to seek local accommodation.

THE WEATHER

As the Formula One cars can handle most conditions the weather would have to be exceptionally poor for a postponement to be considered. However, for safety reasons, if the weather is particularly inclement then the event is subject to cancellation without prior notice.

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FORMULA ONE 2011, REVIEW OF THE SEASON

1. AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX - March 27
Vettel: 1st Webber: 5th

It's the perfect start for Red Bull as Vettel claims a pole to flag victory with a flawless drive. He said: "It's good coming here after a long winter and setting the pace."

2. MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX - April 10
Vettel: 1st Webber: 4th

"The start was crucial," said Vettel after another comfortable victory in a race he controlled. His Championship lead is already 24 points.

3. CHINESE GRAND PRIX - April 17
Vettel: 2nd Webber: 3rd

Lewis Hamilton passes Vettel with four laps to go to win on fresher tyres, while Webber superbly reaches the podium after starting in 18th.

4. TURKISH GRAND PRIX - May 8
Vettel: 1st Webber: 2nd

Defending champ Vettel is again dominant, and Webber wins a battle with the chasing pack for second.

5. SPANISH GRAND PRIX - May 22
Vettel: 1st Webber: 4th

Vettel is pushed all the way by Hamilton but the Red Bull man holds him off for a fourth win in five. Vettel said: "It was quite a release to cross the line."

6. MONACO GRAND PRIX - May 29
Vettel: 1st Webber: 4th

A late appearance by the safety car is key for Vettel, who was previously facing fierce pressure from Fernando Alonso and Jenson Button.

7. CANADIAN GRAND PRIX - June 12
Vettel: 2nd Webber: 3rd

The winning streak is over as Jenson Button superbly wins an action packed race by coming from last to third – passing Vettel, who went wide – on the last lap.

8. EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX - June 26
Vettel: 1st Webber: 3rd

Vettel is in control to return to winning ways at Valencia, while Webber is edged into third after an intriguing battle with Alonso. The German now leads the standings by 77 points.

9. BRITISH GRAND PRIX - July 7
Vettel: 2nd Webber: 3rd

Fernando Alonso claims Ferrari's first win of the year leaving the Red Bulls to battle between them for second and third.

10. GERMAN GRAND PRIX - July 24
Vettel: 4th Webber: 3rd

No home win for an error prone Vettel, as Hamilton takes the victory. "It was tough, a difficult race," he said.

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11. HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX - July 31
Vettel: 2nd Webber: 5th

It's a third race without a win as Jenson Button comes homes first on a wet day when tyre strategy was key.

12. BELGIAN GRAND PRIX - August 28
Vettel: 1st Webber: 2nd

The titles inch closer as Red Bull return after the summer break with an imperious one-two.

13. ITALIAN GRAND PRIX - September 11
Vettel: 1st Webber: Did not finish

Alonso passes Vettel at the start but the German powers back to win his eighth grand prix. "The podium is absolutely unbelievable here," Vettel said. "When you stand up there you feel blessed."

14. SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX - September 25
Vettel: 1st Webber: 3rd

Another win under the lights means Vettel needs just a point to seal the title. Horner said: "Sebastian was faultless."

15. JAPANESE GRAND PRIX - October 8
Vettel: 3rd Webber: 4th

"It doesn't get much better than this," says Vettel after this third place finish crowns him as a back-to-back champ.

16. KOREAN GRAND PRIX - October 16
Vettel: 1st Webber: 3rd

The Constructors' title is now in the bag as well with a special win from Vettel. "Phenomenal for the team, phenomenal for every single member of the Red Bull Racing," says Horner. There are still three races to go.

17. INDIAN GRAND PRIX
Vettel: 1st Webber: 4th

Yet another faultless display sees a 'very proud' Vettel crowned as the first ever Indian Grand Prix winner.

18. ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX
Vettel: Did not finish Webber: 4th

Red Bull's only non podium finish of the season – Vettel retires early with a puncture. "A really frustrating race," said Horner.

19. BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX
Vettel: 2nd Webber: 1st

A first win for Webber after Vettel suffers gearbox problems. "It was great for the team to finish on a high," said the Australian.

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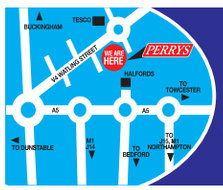

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SIMON DARNELL

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LAST week I was ticking off boxes on my dance single formula checklist while I listened to Avicii's new single.

I was, shall we say, somewhat nonplussed by that song's slavish adherence to do whatever was expected of it.

Well, the good news is that this song doesn't follow the rulebook; in fact, it overtakes it and speeds off into the distance, paying scant regard to the Highway Code as it does so.

In fact, to describe it as merely a song is perhaps doing it a stunning disservice because it's more like three or four instrumentals in one handy take-home package.

The first section is a serving of bass-filled wondrousness (is that a word? It is now), which is followed by a brief tinkly bit which in turn leads to yet more good stuff.

This is ridiculously good stuff, but here's the thing.

The men behind this are Vince Clarke and Martin Gore.

As in "Erasure's Vince Clarke" and "Depeche Mode's Martin Gore."

The last time these two worked together was 30 years ago, but listening to this you'd never guess it was them.

Even I had to double-check I was listening to the right tune.

This is a proper dance track that shows what can be done if you throw the rulebook in the bin and do whatever you want to do instead.

It's taken two men in their fifties to do something this good; that fact says a lot of things about the state of dance music at the moment.

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The X-Factor Finalists featuring JLS and One Direction
UNFORTUNATELY for JLS and One Direction, they may as well not have bothered turning up, because without the namecheck, you'd never know they were there.

As for the rest, well, they do what they can with the three lines they get.

It's utterly forgettable.

By the way, can you remember what last year's Finalists song was?

I can't, but I suspect the vast majority of the CDs still in existence are being used as drip mats now.

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Coming to MKT fresh from his critically-acclaimed performance in Les Miserables in the West End, Gareth Gates catapulted on to our screens back in 2002 in the original Pop Idol.

With a succession of number one singles, the second best selling single of the 90s, and an appearance on the hit TV show Dancing on Ice, his success hasn't stopped since.

Joining Gareth as Aladdin's mischievous brother Wishee Washee is the hilarious 2010 finalist of Britain's Got Talent, Paul Burling.

In 2010 Paul became a firm favourite with judges and public alike for his side-splitting comedy routines, most memorably his uncanny impersonation of Harry Hill. But there's a problem.

Where is the lamp?

One of the pantomime s mischievous genies has gone and lost their magic lamp.

MK NEWS has been sent a picture of the lamp at its last known location – can you tell us where the picture was taken?

As a reward, we are offering one lucky reader a family ticket (two adults and two children) to see the panto on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6pm.

To be in with a chance of winning, send the answer, together with your name, address and contact telephone number, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU, or e-mail competitions@mk-news.co.uk. Closing date is 5pm on December 14. The winner will be notified. Editor's decision is final.

If you want to know all the backstage gossip from behind the scenes at MK Theatre's panto make sure you check out the weekly blog on the MK NEWS website at www.mk-news.co.uk/christmas.

Brought to you by the real star of the pantomime – Lampie – the genie's lamp.

Your very own paparazzi, a secret scout with a spout, keeping you up to date with all the backstage shenanigans with his weekly Lamp Posts.

HEART FM COLUMN

BREAKFAST show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning on Heart FM and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

Olly Murs joined us to talk about his new album 'In Case You Didn't Know'.

We had to follow up with Olly about his promise of a naked streak last Christmas Day if his first album reached number one.

It didn't, but he said: "If my album gets to number one this Christmas and sells a million copies, I'll come to Heart Breakfast and do a streak in your studio." So get downloading.

We had to ask about Xtra Factor and Olly said: "The show's been brilliant, I'm really enjoying it, we're having such a laugh. It's been a crazy show, I've got to say, and Caroline and I have so much to talk about."

We wanted to know whether he thought people were misbehaving more in Mr Cowell's absence. Olly told us: "Definitely, 100 per cent. "When he's there, no one gets up to mischief as you know he's in the building somewhere, but this time definitely people are more loose, the contestants are being more crazy, everyone's having a bit of party."

Asked who will win X Factor out of Marcus vs Little Mix Olly said: "It's difficult as they've both been so consistent."

Olly said about Marcus: "He's a great lad with a great future, but I think he's got to find his style, he's found the retro side of things, but that might not be the way forward. I think he needs to broaden his style, more than that retro side." Wise words Olly.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday 6am-10am on Heart 103.3FM

BLETCHLEY PARK FESTIVAL

THIS weekend the Mansion House at Bletchley Park is set to become a winter wonderland as students from the MK College make the big mansion take-over for the Festival of Christmas.

The picturesque grounds of Bletchley Park will provide yuletide treats as another bumper turnout is expected when the ice rink, outdoor market, fairground rides and a hog roast open up for festive fun.

Father Christmas has confirmed his appearance in his grotto and snow is certain to fall on the festival whatever the temperature and on Sunday night there will be 'Lanterns on the Lake' to add to the magical atmosphere.

Gennaro Corrado, cultural events coordinator for West Bletchley Council, said: "We were obviously overwhelmed by the number of visitors in 2010 and again have worked hard alongside Bletchley Park to raise the bar, as we attempt to bring a fantastic atmosphere and experience to such a classic scenic venue for visitors."

The festival is open from 10.30am-6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

BLETCHLEY AGORA

BIG hearted stall holders at Bletchley Agora have joined forces to create a Christmas treat for children with a fantastic Santa's Grotto.

Tomorrow sees the arrival of Father Christmas and his elves will be raising money for charity as all the presents have been donated by the Agora's management and proceeds from the grotto will go to Make A Wish Foundation Charity.

Stall holders believe it will not only be heart warming to see the excited faces of local children but the money raised will help less fortunate children get their Christmas wishes too as the foundation has granted more than 7,000 magical wishes to children with life threatening illnesses since being established in 1986.

Santa's grotto will be open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays up until December 23, at a cost of £2 per child which includes meeting Father Christmas and a surprise gift.

CRAUFURD ARMS

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Saturday, 8pm.

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Also on the bill The Wild Mercury Sound, young London based rock/indie band, Social Status a young and original alternative rock/indie band and Dirty Fair a new post indie/rock band playing debut MK show. Tickets £5 doors 7.30pm.

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COMPETITION

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The winners will also get to visit the Black Country Living Museum, an urban heritage park where visitors are transported back in time with costumed demonstrators and working craftsmen bringing the historic buildings to life.

Cadbury World in Bournville has also provided a family ticket to experience a fantastic day out at its fun, educational and multimedia attraction.

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To complete the weekend, a meal for four is provided at Urban Pie, which uses top quality cuts of meat, chunky vegetables, fresh herbs and the best pastry to create lovely pies.

With the largest German Market in the UK outside of Germany and Austria, world class cultural attractions and a mouth-watering selection of restaurants, Birmingham truly is sparkling at Christmas.

The shopping scene boasts more than 1,000 shops within a 20 minute walk, four arcades packed full with stylish boutiques and 100 independent outlets in the centre alone.

If you are after something that sparkles for a certain special someone, the Jewellery Quarter is home to more than 400 jewellers located in the 250-year-old area famed for specialist hand-crafted jewellery and watches.

That's not to mention the Frankfurt Christmas Market and Craft Fair of local traders, which together provide over 200 stalls laden with Christmas gifts.

Last year Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market celebrated its tenth birthday and this year around three million visitors are expected to sample its delights.

To be in with a chance of winning this wonderful break, worth £400, just answer this simple question. How old is the famed Jewellery Quarter?

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*Terms and conditions apply, hotel stay to be arranged directly with hotel, subject to availability, prize must be taken within six months, travel not included.

COMPETITION

CYCLING is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, for adults and children alike.

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PARK LIFE

CHRISTMAS can be costly but it's reassuring to know that you can still enjoy activities that are packed with seasonal fun and kind to your pockets too.

There's nothing more Christmassy than a traditional carol so why not warm up your vocal chords and join The Parks Trust's popular annual outdoor carols at Willen Lake in support of Willen Hospice.

The shimmering waters of North Willen Lake will provide a magical atmosphere underneath the stars and you can sing your heart out for a great cause.

Join the throng on Sunday 18 December 18 at 4pm until 5.30pm.

This event is free and there's no need to book. Come dressed for the weather and bring a lantern.

The family might also enjoy working together with The Parks Trust's rangers to make festive decorations.

The Crafty Christmas event involves crafts, games and fun at Campbell Park.

It takes place on Tuesday December 20, between 10.30am and 1am at Campbell Park Pavilion.

A charge of £3 per person will be made for materials. Booking is essential, book on-line at www.theparkstrust.com or call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379.

Christmas walks are another great tradition and they're absolutely free.

However, if we have another big freeze during the Christmas holidays please take common sense precautions so that you can enjoy our beautiful parks safely.

By following these simple safety measures you can ensure that your winter walks are safe:

•Keep away from the water's edge and under no circumstances go onto the ice.

•Be extra vigilant with young children close to the water's edge.

•Keep your dog under control near frozen water.

•If you see an accident on the ice call the emergency services straight away. Do not attempt to go out onto the ice yourself.

•Wear warm clothing and sturdy footwear.

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

NEW Bradwell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club take Santa on tour. Complete with sleigh and Christmas carols. Leaves Stony Stratford library 6pm.

FRIDAY

DANCE Sharing. Parlour Dance working in the Buszy have been researching and developing a new contemporary dance theatre show based on neighbour relations. How well do you know next door, what are your perceptions of your neighbour? Buszy @ Old Bus Station 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

NEW Bradwell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club take Santa on tour to Deanshanger. Complete with sleigh and Christmas carols, 6-8pm.

CHILL out time after a busy week. Yoga relaxation and stretch at St. Michael's Church, OU Campus 6 - 7.30 pm. For more information call 01908 218915 or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

STONY Stratford Evening WI present Rock Chorus at at St Marys and St Giles Church, Church Street. A variety of pop and rock songs. Costs £2.50, doors 7pm. Call Amanda on 07788 230323 or Julie 07738 054915.

SATURDAY

HO HO HO! all aboard the Santa's festive train between Bletchley and Bedford. Join in the fun with face painting, balloon modeller and the Bigman himself on board. Trains leave Bletchley station at 10.01am, 12.01pm and 2.01pm. Return tickets £6.20 adult and £3.10 child.

PEOPLE wishing to buy a traditional Christmas tree are invited to Wyevale Woburn Sands Garden Centre for some free advice on selecting and caring for real Christmas trees. Also on Sunday.

NEW Bradwell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club has Santa outside Budgens in Stony Stratford from 9am-3pm. Complete with sleigh and Christmas. He then heads off to help switch on Hanslope Christmas lights.

OMJ Jazz Concert. A night of pure classic Jazz tunes including hits from great artists such as Micheal Buble, Frank Sinatra and many more. A fabulous festive twist with mulled wine, mince pies as well as a cocktail bar. Buszy @ Old Bus Station 7.30pm, tickets £10.

VINTAGE and Handmade Christmas Fair, Millmead Hall, Haversham Road, Wolverton. More than 50 stalls with lots of gorgeous items perfect for Christmas. Plus the Tea Room with mince pies, teas and coffees, as well as pretty cupcakes. 10am-4pm.

CHRISTMAS Fair, Holy Trinity Church, Old Wolverton. Hot food, Father Christmas and good cheer. 11am-4pm. More details 01908 315338.

MILTON Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Christmas Bazaar. Milton Keynes RUFC will open the event and present a cheque to the hospital's children's ward. The hospital's restaurant will be transformed into Santa's Grotto. Entry £2, including mince pie and mulled wine from 11am-4pm.

PHOENIX Music Collective Pub Tour. Opening Night at The Coachmakers Arms, Newport Pagnell. Headline DJs DJ Ritty, Andy J, Scott Northey, 8pm-11.45pm, free.

SUNDAY

SCRUB Clearance, join the volunteer team to do something for the environment. Help manage the scrub on the callow mounds. Marston Vale Forest Centre 10.15am-4.15pm. Contact 01234 762613.

HULA Animal Rescue, Christmas Get Together. Midlands Animal Sanctuary Glebe Farm, Aspley Guise. Join Santa and help him find his reindeer. Carols with The Diamond Theatre School. Admission £2 adults, accompanied children free, 1-3.30pm. Details 01908 584000.

MONDAY

DOLLARZ and Dollz, charity fundraiser for Inter-Action MK . A magical night of glitz and glamour featuring the Resident Dollz at The Greene Room, Theatre District. Tickets £20 (buffet included) over 18's call 01908 678514 or visit www.interactionmk.org.uk.

NEW Bradwell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club take Santa on tour to Old Stratford. Complete with sleigh and Christmas carols, 6-8pm.

TUESDAY

WEST Bletchley Gardening Club. Christmas social at Freeman Memorial Methodist Church Hall, Buckingham Road. A good chat and fun competitions. Cost: non members £2, 6.45pm.

WEDNESDAY

OPEN Film Society, Rare Exports. Christmas approaches, an expedition discovers the original Santa Claus. A boy is convinced that, far from being jolly, he is vengeful, intent on punishing naughty children. He must thwart Santa's cruel plans. Old Lecture Theatre, OU, 6.15pm and 8.45pm.

NEW Bradwell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club take Santa on tour to Great Holm. Complete with sleigh and Christmas carols, 6-8pm.

YOGA Meditation, Chanting and Relaxation at Portfields Community Centre, Wordsworth Avenue, Newport Pagnell. 8-9 pm. For more details call 01908 218915 or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

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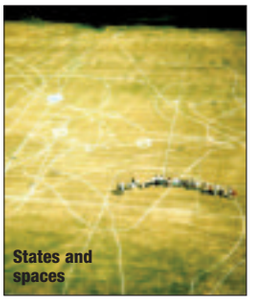
States and spaces

MK GALLERY'S new exhibition States and Spaces offers a fascinating insight into the worlds of people who have neurological impairment and their very particular ways of experiencing different spaces.

Video, painting, drawing, etching, sound and immersive installations have been selected from a huge body of work produced by Project Art Works who specialise in collaborating with people with complex needs.

The interest and motivation in much of Project Art Works' practice, is the 'unknowability' of another person's experience of the world, especially if they are unable to communicate using language.

Project Art Works conducts practice-led enquiries into the lives of people exploring different forms of response and communication through data and visual art media.

In States and Spaces, unusual viewpoints expose tensions between the grounded engagement of individuals and videos of aerial perspectives, exploring how we perceive and navigate through different environments and terrains.

The works include, Cathedral of Trees, an immersive and ethereal sound installation of The Cathedral of Trees in Milton Keynes, from recordings taken during a visit in September 2011 and drawings surveying the land between MK Gallery and this arboreal sanctuary.

Not Knowing of Another, a multi-screen video and sound installation reveals synchronized and alternative viewpoints of a short walk by a man with complex needs through an industrial building, over a railway bridge and finally out on to an expansive beach at sunset.

The exhibition incorporates work from a long-term project between MK Gallery and Project Art Works, centering on the exploration of constructed and open space, referencing the urban grid of Milton Keynes.

States and Spaces runs until January 8 and in conjuction with this exhibition in MK Gallery Project Space is the Arts on Prescription exhibition.

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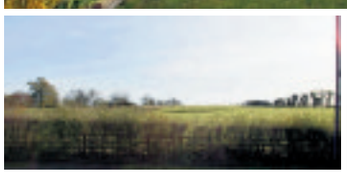

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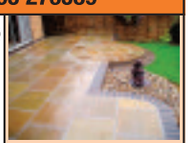

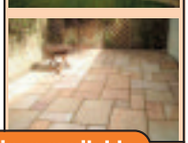
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COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes ("the Council"), in accordance with section 81 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act") has undertaken a Community Governance Review of part of its local authority area pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the 2007 Act and resolutions were made at a meeting of the Council held on 8 November 2011.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Campbell Park/Central Milton Keynes/Great Linford Parishes

The Council resolved as follows:

1. That, with effect from 1 April 2012, the Campbell Park Grid Square be transferred from Campbell Park Parish to Central Milton Keynes Parish, as a separate parish ward of Central Milton Keynes Parish.
2. That the electoral arrangements for Central Milton Keynes Parish be as follows:

WARD	ELECTORATE	NO OF COUNCILLORS
CMK EAST	819	3
CMK WEST	827	3
CAMPBELL PARK	403	2
	2049	8

3. That the areas of Newlands, Willen Lake and Willen be transferred from Campbell Park Parish to Great Linford Parish so as to promote community cohesion and effective and convenient governance, and that the electoral arrangements for the revised parish areas be as follows:

CAMPBELL PARK PARISH

WARD	ELECTORATE	NO OF COUNCILLORS
Fishermead	2676	5
Woolstone	664	1
Springfield	1791	3
Oldbrook	3761	7
	8892	16

GREAT LINFORD PARISH

WARD	ELECTORATE	NO OF COUNCILLORS
Conniburrow	2006	3
Redhouse Park	199	1
Great Linford	2695	4
Bolbeck Park & Pennyland	1437	2
Giffard Park & Blakelands	2400	3
Downs Barn	1693	2
Downhead Park & Willen Park	2244	3
Neath Hill	1422	2
Willen and Newlands	1121	2
	15217	22

Woughton Parish

1. That, with effect from 1 April 2012, a new parish for the areas of Woughton-on-the-Green, Woughton Park and Passmore be created from within the current area of Woughton Parish.
2. That the boundaries of the new parish be from the Netherfield Roundabout (H8/V8), south along the V8 (Marlborough Street) to a point where it intersects a redway north of Tinkers Bridge, then east along the redway to the Grand Union Canal, then south along the canal to a point where it intersects H9 (Groveway), then along H9 (Groveway) to a point where it intersects the River Ouzel, then north along the River Ouzel to a point where it intersects H7 (Chaffron Way), then west along H7 (Chaffron Way) to a point where it intersects the Grand Union Canal, then south along the Grand Union Canal to a point where it intersects H8 (Standing Way), then west along H8 (Standing Way) to the Netherfield Roundabout (H8/V8).
3. That the electoral arrangements for the new parish of Woughton-on-the-Green, Woughton Park and Passmore be as follows:

WARD	ELECTORATE	NO OF COUNCILLORS
Woughton-on –the-Green (North)	255	3
Woughton-on-the-Green (South)	166	2
Passmore	169	2
Woughton Park	156	2
	746	9

4. That the electoral arrangements for the remaining parish of Woughton be as follows:

WARD	ELECTORATE	NO OF COUNCILLORS
Peartree Bridge	611	2
Netherfield	1653	4
Beanhill	1335	3
Tinkers Bridge	531	1
Eaglestone	1588	4
Coffee Hall	1501	4
Leadenhall	661	1
	7880	19

The formal order will be published in early 2012.

Dated 30 November 2011

Signed: John Moffoot
Assistant Director (Democratic Services),
Milton Keynes Council

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, WEST BLETCHLEY) (RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2011

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, WEST BLETCHLEY) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2011 (No .2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 7 December 2011 made 2 Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle. The Orders which come into effect on 8 December 2001, will have the following effects in roads within West Bletchley:-

The introduction of 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions at the junction of Buckingham Road and Grange Road;

The introduction of additional 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions along parts of the unnamed access road leading from Church Green Road to Elmers Park and St Mary's Church;

The introduction of '3 Hour Limited Waiting' restrictions between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm every day of the week with no return within 2 hours along parts of the unnamed access road leading from Church Green Road to Elmers Park and St Mary's Church;

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Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in either Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt Assistant Director – Law & Governance 7 December 2011
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOOTPATH NUMBER 68, WOLVERTON (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, with the consent of Northamptonshire County Council, has, on the 7th December 2011, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that length of Footpath Number 68, Wolverton from its junction with Footpath Number RG14 at the Northamptonshire boundary to its junction with Footpath Number 120, Wolverton.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst refurbishment works are carried out on the Iron Trunk Aqueduct. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from Friday 9th December 2011 until Saturday 31st March 2012, inclusive.

The alternative route for north-west bound access from a point where Footpath number 68 Wolverton meets Footpath number 120 Wolverton will be to turn left and continue in a south-westerly direction along Footpath 120 Wolverton to its junction with Watermill Lane, then turn right and cross the River Great Ouse into Northamptonshire, continuing along Footpath Number RG7 to its junction with Footpath Number RG14 and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order due to safety reasons.

The Order will come into operation on Friday 9th December 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the likelihood of danger to the public has ceased, which ever is the sooner. If the danger to the public persists up to the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt Assistant Director – Law & Governance 7 December 2011
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, ACCESS ROADS AND PARKING BAYS, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the Red Bull Racing event takes place along roads within Central Milton Keynes, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 7 December 2011 made an Order under Sections 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It is anticipated that the temporary restrictions will take effect between the hours of 12.01 am and 11.59 pm (unless otherwise stated) on Saturday 10 December 2011. The Order will affect all classes of vehicle in all roads, and pedestrian access within some roads. The restrictions will have the following effects within the roads mentioned during the times stated, and all vehicles and pedestrians should follow the temporary signage arrangements which will be in place whilst the restrictions are in effect:-

1. No vehicles, except for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles, buses, disabled persons vehicles (in some roads) and vehicles being used in connection with the organising of, or taking part in, the Red Bull Racing event, shall be permitted to **enter, proceed along or wait** in those parts of the following roads:-

- Midsummer Boulevard, between Elder Gate and the stub end of Midsummer Boulevard, east of Saxon Gate;
- Silbury Boulevard, between Grafton Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Avebury Boulevard, between Grafton Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Grafton Gate, its whole length;
- Witan Gate, from Portway to Avebury Boulevard;
- Saxon Gate, its whole length;
- Upper Second Street, its whole length;
- Upper Fourth Street, its whole length;
- Upper Fifth Street, its whole length;
- Those access roads which link with Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard to the rear of Christ the Cornerstone Church, south-west of Saxon Gate, except to gain access to the church.
- Lower Second Street, its whole length;
- Lower Third Street, its whole length;
- Lower Fourth Street, its whole length;
- Grafton Park. its whole length;
- Overgate, its whole length;
- V7 Saxon Street, between H4 Dansteed Way and H5 Portway;
- V7 Saxon Street, between H6 Childs Way and H7 Chaffron Way.

2. **Alternative routes whilst the above lengths of roads are temporarily closed will be available via** H5 Portway, Secklow Gate and H6 Childs Way, and as follows:-

- For Overgate the alternative route will be via H5 Portway, Skeldon Gate, Silbury Boulevard, Marlborough Gate, Avebury Boulevard, Enmore Gate and V6 Childs Way;
- For V7 Saxon Street between H4 Dansteed Way and H5 Portway, the alternative route will be via H4 Dansteed Way, V8 Marlborough Street and H5 Portway;
- For V7 Saxon Street between H6 Childs Way and H7 Chaffron Way, the alternative route will be via H6 Childs Way, V8 Marlborough Street and H7 Chaffron Way;
- For southbound traffic travelling along V5 Grafton Street from the north of Milton Keynes to the south of Milton Keynes the alternative route will be via H4 Dansteed Way, V4 Watling Street and H7 Chaffron Way;
- For northbound traffic travelling along V5 Grafton Street from the south of Milton Keynes to the north of Milton Keynes the alternative route will be via H6 Childs Way, V4 Watling Street and H4 Dansteed Way.

3. It is expected that the following lengths of roads will only be closed for as long as necessary in cases of emergency or to relieve congestion:-

- Silbury Boulevard, between Grafton Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Avebury Boulevard, between Grafton Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Grafton Gate – northbound carriageway, between H6 Childs Way and Avebury Boulevard;
- Grafton Gate – southbound carriageway, between H5 Portway and Silbury Boulevard.

4. **Suspension of parking bays:-**

All premium rate and standard rate tariff parking bays and car share permit parking bays will be temporarily suspended along the following roads:-

- Midsummer Boulevard – north-west side, between Grafton Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Midsummer Boulevard – south-east side, between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Upper Second Street;
- Upper Fourth Street;
- Upper Fifth Street;
- Those access roads which link with Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard to the rear of Christ the Cornerstone Church, south-west of Saxon Gate;
- Lower Fourth Street;
- Grafton Park.

Disabled persons' parking bays will be temporarily suspended along the following roads:-

- Midsummer Boulevard – north-west side, between Grafton Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Midsummer Boulevard – south-east side, between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Grafton Park.

Parking for disabled persons (blue badge holders) will be made available within the following roads:-

- Upper Second Street;
- Upper Fourth Street;
- Upper Fifth Street;
- Those access roads which link with Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard to the rear of Christ the Cornerstone Church, south-west of Saxon Gate;
- Lower Second Street;
- Lower Third Street;
- Lower Fourth Street.

5. No vehicles, except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles shall be permitted to **exceed the temporary speed limit of 30 mph** along that part of H7 Chaffron Way between V4 Watling Street and V6 Grafton Street.
6. No vehicles, except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles, and those vehicles taking part in the Red Bull Racing event, shall be **driven at the temporary speed limit of 70 mph** along that part of Midsummer Boulevard between Elder Gate and the stub end to the east of Saxon Gate, adjacent to Midsummer Place, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.
7. No vehicles, except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles shall be permitted to **exceed the temporary speed limit of 70 mph** along that part of Midsummer Boulevard between Elder Gate and the stub end to the east of Saxon Gate, adjacent to Midsummer Place, between 12.01 am and 11.59 pm.
8. No vehicles, except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles shall be permitted to **wait or park along** both sides of the carriageway, including the grass verges, along the following roads:-

- H5 Portway, between the A5 roundabout and V8 Marlborough Street;
- H6 Childs Way, between V4 Watling Street and V8 Marlborough Street;
- V8 Marlborough Street, between H5 Portway and H6 Childs Way.

9. No pedestrian access will be permitted along both carriageways of Midsummer Boulevard, including the central reservation, between Elder Gate and the stub end of Midsummer Boulevard, east of Saxon Gate.

The "No U turns" restriction along Witan Gate at its junction with Avebury Boulevard (northbound from H6 Childs Way), will be temporarily suspended to enable vehicles to gain access to Sainsburys car park.

The 30 mph speed restriction along that part of Midsummer Boulevard between Elder Gate and the stub end to the east of Saxon Gate, adjacent to Midsummer Place, will be temporarily suspended between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

A temporary 30 mph speed restriction will be imposed along that part of H7 Chaffron Way between V4 Watling Street and V6 Grafton Street.

Where necessary, buses will be diverted via Avebury Boulevard between CMK The Point and Milton Keynes Central Railway Station.

Police officers may vary or extend the above restrictions and their times of operation should any unforeseen circumstance arise which might compromise the safety of the public.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than those mentioned above.

The Order will come into operation on Saturday 10 December 2011 at 12.01 am and will continue in force until 11.59 pm on Saturday 10 December 2011, or until the likelihood of danger to the public subsides.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Vehicles left in suspended parking bays in contravention of the Order may be subject to removal.

Philip McCourt Assistant Director – Law & Governance
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
7 December 2011

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02122/FUL	Installation of 4 Upvc windows (retrospective) at 8 Oxford Street, Wolverton.
11/02308/ADV	Advertisement consent for one illuminated fascia sign (retrospective) at 33 Stratford Road, Wolverton.
11/02530/FUL	Erection of a part first floor and part two storey side and rear extension (re-submission of 11/01254/FUL) at 24 Trent Drive, Newport Pagnell.
11/02544/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two storey detached dwelling and double garage at Silver Springs, West Lane, Emberton.
11/02577/FUL	Single storey side extension and canopy over front door entrance at Chestnut Farm House, 4 Dag Lane, Stoke Goldington.
11/02592/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce one Holly tree by 6ft (1.8 m) (T1) and thin by 20% and to deadwood and crown lift by 4m one Lime Tree (T2) at Priory Cottage, 33 Priory Street, Newport Pagnell.
11/02645/FUL	Demolish existing barn and the erection of a new bungalow and construction of a double garage (re-submission of 11/01443/FUL) at Home Farm Barn, Bay Lane, Ravenstone.
11/02646/CON	Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing barn and the erection of a new bungalow and construction of a double garage (re-submission of 11/01444/CON) at Home Farm Barn, Bay Lane, Ravenstone.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02382/LBC	Listed Building Consent for part garage conversion and internal alterations at The Granary, Olney Road, Weston Underwood.
11/02505/LBC	Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing residential property including the insertion of new windows, removal of existing external window and doors, relocating internal existing doors and opening up three existing fire places (part retrospective) at 8 Market Square, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
11/02575/LBC	Listed building consent to undertake internal refurbishment of the Stable Block (building 20) to include; removal of modern partitions and ceilings; strip out existing power, heating pipe work and air conditioning units; converting interior windows into door ways; erect new partitioning; new electrical power, lighting, fire alarm system; new heating pipe work and radiators/fan heaters; replacement of glass block wall with new curtain walling at Building 20, Foreign And Commonwealth Office, Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope.
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
11/02401/FUL	Single storey rear extension and double garage to front of property at Colmwood, Wood End Lane, Moulsoe.

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director

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SEXY Caribbean lady 34, likes music, cinema, theatre, seeks fun, white/mixed race male, 27-40 for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381185**

JAYNE tall blonde, blue eyes, attractive, OHAC, no ties, enjoys nights out, romantic nights in, WLTM male up to 55yrs for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381365**

EMMIE 28yr old lonely single mum all out of love, looking for good company with male who can tame a confident beautiful sensual lady. Any looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381363**

NINA black beauty, classy 21, loves to have lots of fun, seeks older man who is willing to come up with a few new ideas for adult fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381361**

CARMEL blonde brown eyed girl, employed with OHAC, likes meals out, walking, looking for loving relationship with caring down to earth male. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380001**

INTELLIGENT attractive 59yr old female, needs saving from Philistines and Octopuses, no sex. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381209**

AFRO Caribbean lady, 32, likes' nights out, cinema, seeks Josh Holloway lookalike male, 28-39 for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381187**

SHANIA attractive 40yr old bubbly, busty black female, shy, loving, nice personality, seeks good looking, mature, black/Asian male for friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 378635**

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SHIRLEY young looking tall attractive fit female, OHAC, open-minded, varied interests seeks tall male for genuine dates. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380005**

LAURA feminine, warm, friendly 31, seeks chivalrous gentleman for lovely times hopefully leading to a traditional family life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 373023**

LUCY bubbly attractive 32yr old blonde seeking similar naughty boy to share the good side of life with. Age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 373109**

LINDA slim, tall, elegant, feminine, N/S, solvent lady, young 50's, likes travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 373327**

ELIZABETH independent, no ties, solvent, fit and healthy, looking for similar passionate male, any age/looks for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 375161**

SENSUAL discreet, mature, blonde lady, seeks discreet, mature, available gent for fun, friendship chats and text. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 378865**

GWEN lovely dark haired, dark blue eyed slim sensual female with GSOH, WLTM male 35-50 for fun dates and romantic nights in together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380443**

DEBBIE dark haired passionate classy, discreet female looking for professional intelligent male wanting mutual companionship. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380441**

DEBORAH 38 missing that special someone in my life. Call me, even if you're not the one I guarantee we will still have loads of fun! **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380439**

TRISH tall slim brunette, honest, reliable, affectionate, OHAC, no ties, outgoing, loves Indian food, seeking male 39-50yrs for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380877**

DIANE successful feisty business women, confident, fun, chatty, positive, social with everything but that special someone in her life and WLTM him. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 379203**

JULIE attractive black female, 35, slim, GSOH, easygoing, likes music, cinema, travel, seeks attractive, black male, tall, 30-42 for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 375479**

CARRIE 38 blue eyes, blonde, voluptuous, curvy, looking for professional gent up to 50yrs LTR. Call me to meet up for a casual drink and chat. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380881**

LISA sexy blonde 31yrs, extremely fit and outgoing, seeking male for casual friendship with benefits. Discretion assured. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380879**

LINDA 50's, brunette, brown eyes, 5ft 5ins, likes socialising, cinema, meals out, holidays, seeks male, 45-60 who are fun and young at heart for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380701**

JANE passionate lady seeking unconventional young at heart male 35-50 for free spirited, open-minded fun and new experiences. Single dads welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 375611**

DOLLY 45, seeks male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 374655**

RACHEL blonde brown eyed slim but feminine female, 32, likes wining/dining, theatre, WLTM reliable male for diner dates and romancing. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 377531**

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JONNY English seeks slim, attractive, very own Miss Moneypenny for daring missions home and abroad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381421**

NEIL 45, likes nights in/out, cinema, seeking soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380325**

MIKE 37, attractive, professional, white, athletic, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks Indian female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380517**

STEVE attractive white male, 37, 5ft 9ins, professional, seeks black Afro Caribbean female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380513**

43YR old male, 5ft 10ins, slim, dark hair, blue/grey eyes, likes wining/dining, theatre, seeks female, 38-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380163**

WILLIAM young 62, own business/properties, 5ft 11ins, country gent, seeks slim female, 35-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380479**

TREV black male, British, 41, slim, sporty, seeks female for love, relationship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380319**

KEN 57, 5ft 4ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 303370**

NATURIST male, 42, looking to meet female for discreet fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381099**

MARK disabled, 36, smoker, seeking female for relationship and friends. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380993**

JERRY 41, white, tall, attractive, GSOH, smart dresser, OHAC, self employed, seeks slim-medium build female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380951**

ASIAN male, 59, tall, seeks N/S female for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380737**

SINGLE guy looking for female friendship, 30-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380403**

STEVE professional white male, 5ft 9ins, medium build, seeks afro-Caribbean female, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 379941**

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AUG 13	EXETER (A)	W 2-0
AUG 16	YEOVIL (A)	W 1-0
AUG 20	CHESTERFIELD (H)	W 6-2
AUG 23	NORWICH (A) CC2	W 4-0
AUG 27	STEVENAGE (H)	W 1-0
AUG 30	BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D 3-3
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SEP 3	CARLISLE (A)	W 3-1
SEP 10	SHEFF WED (A)	L 3-1
SEP 17	HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D 1-1
SEP 20	BURNLEY (A) CC3	L 2-1
SEP 24	BURY (A)	D 0-0
SEP 27	CHARLTON (H)	D 1-1
OCT 1	NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W 3-0
OCT 10	OLDHAM (A)	L 2-1
OCT 15	BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D 2-2
OCT 22	SCUNTHORPE (H)	D 0-0
OCT 25	SHEFF UTD (A)	L 2-1
OCT 29	WALSALL (A)	W 2-0
NOV 5	ROCHDALE (H)	W 3-1
NOV 12	NANTWICH (H) FAC1	W 6-0
NOV 19	COLCHESTER (A)	W 5-1
NOV 26	WYCOMBE (H)	W 4-3
DEC 3	BARNET (A) FAC2	W 3-1
DEC 10	TRANMERE (A)	
DEC 17	PRESTON (H)	
DEC 26	LEYTON ORIENT (A)	
DEC 31	BRENTFORD (A)	
JAN 2	COLCHESTER (H)	
JAN 7	STEVENAGE (A)	
JAN 14	CARLISLE (H)	
JAN 21	NOTTS COUNTY (A)	
JAN 28	SHEFF WED (H)	
FEB 4	HUDDERSFIELD (A)	
FEB 11	BURY (H)	
FEB 14	CHARLTON (A)	
FEB 18	OLDHAM (H)	
FEB 25	BOURNEMOUTH (A)	
MAR 3	HARTLEPOOL (A)	
MAR 6	YEOVIL (H)	
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APR 28	ROCHDALE (A)	
MAY 5	WALSALL (H)	

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LOCAL FOOTBALL

FA VASE

NEWPORT Pagnell Town made it through to the last 32 of the FA Vase with a 3-1 win over visiting Godmanchester Rovers on Saturday.

It means that the Swans are four wins away from an appearance at Wembley in the final of the competition.

Goals came from Dean Buss, Dom Lawless and Matt Broomes to set up a next round tie with Northumberland club Ashington.

MK SUNDAY LEAGUE

STONY Stratford Town returned to the top of the New City Heating Premier Division after a 2-0 win against Loughton FC, with both goals coming from L White.

This is Stony's eighth consecutive win of the season in the league.

CS Athletic shared six goals with FC Lifesearch, Great Mile Ash defeated Open University 3-0, Stantonbury Social A beat Padbury AFC 5-2 and Kings Arms beat Trade 2U 4-0.

With Olney not playing in Division One, AFC Santander took advantage to join them at the top of table with a 6-1 win against Stoke Hammond.

New City Saints beat Buckingham Utd 2-1, Punjab Utd defeated Stacey Bushes 4-0, Stantonbury Social B and FC MMIX shared six goals to draw and Stantonbury The Manor beat MK Legends 6-1.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I WAS absolutely delighted to draw QPR in the third round of the FA Cup.

We're trying not to get too carried away with it, but for me personally it was wonderful to hear.

Fitness coach Damien Doyle said I let out a little screech when I heard it was QPR.

Obviously it was my last club – I was assistant manager there – and I can't wait for our lads to show what we can do against them. I hope they bring their best team possible and I'm sure they will bring great support.

There are a lot of QPR fans in our area and if we do well against them, maybe a few will start watching MK Dons more.

They have players we can look forward to seeing like Alejandro Faurlin, who is wonderful on the left side, Joey Barton and Shaun Wright-Phillips.

Beating Barnet 3-1 was a tricky game but they are never easy in the cup.

We were comfortable enough in winning the game.

It was good to see Darren Potter open the scoring, he needed a goal and got his goal with a great finish.

It was our best move of the first half and we got a wonderful goal out of it - it typified the way we have been playing.

Barnet will say that they had their chances but we look back at them and say they were our own making to be honest.

There was a little bit of sloppiness at the back so this week Karl and myself have been reiterating to the players how important it is to tighten things up. In the last few games we have been a little sloppy defensively.

David Martin got injured so sub keeper Ian McLoughlin came in for his first game and did well.There is competition now for every single position.

We're now looking forward to a really hard game at Tranmere.

As we are only two points behind Huddersfield and three points behind Sheffield Wednesday, things are in our own hands.

I don't want to hear about Karl being up for manager-of-the-month as we got it last time and went on a bad run.

If he gets it am I assistant manager of the month?

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home						Away							
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	19	6	3	0	23	7	8	1	1	19	7	28	46
2	Sheffield Wed	19	8	1	0	19	5	4	2	4	15	19	10	39
3	Huddersfield	19	6	3	0	19	9	4	5	1	18	8	20	38
4	MK Dons	19	5	5	0	23	12	5	1	3	16	9	18	36
5	Sheffield Utd	19	6	2	2	21	14	4	3	2	12	8	11	35
6	Notts County	19	6	2	1	19	10	3	2	5	15	17	7	31
7	Brentford	19	3	2	5	11	13	5	3	1	11	7	2	29
8	Carlisle	19	4	2	3	14	16	4	3	3	11	12	-3	29
9	Stevenage	19	4	4	2	15	10	3	3	3	9	8	6	28
10	Bury	19	3	2	4	11	13	5	1	4	14	14	-2	27
11	Tranmere	19	4	4	2	9	6	3	1	5	11	15	-1	26
12	Oldham	19	4	2	3	13	11	3	3	4	14	18	-2	26
13	Hartlepool	19	2	2	6	7	13	5	3	1	17	13	-2	26
14	Preston	19	4	1	4	17	19	4	1	5	15	17	-4	26
15	Colchester	19	3	4	2	15	15	2	4	4	11	15	-4	23
16	Bournemouth	19	2	2	5	8	13	4	3	3	14	13	-4	23
17	Exeter	19	4	2	4	12	13	1	3	5	8	17	-10	20
18	Leyton Orient	19	2	3	5	9	15	2	4	3	10	14	-10	19
19	Scunthorpe	19	2	4	3	14	15	1	5	4	11	15	-5	18
20	Rochdale	19	2	4	4	12	16	2	1	6	10	19	-13	17
21	Walsall	19	2	3	5	9	14	1	4	4	9	11	-7	16
22	Yeovil	19	2	2	6	11	17	1	5	3	10	13	-9	16
23	Wycombe	19	1	2	6	8	14	2	2	6	12	18	-12	13
24	Chesterfield	19	2	3	5	11	14	1	1	7	12	23	-14	13

Decisive second: Charlie MacDonald puts Dons 2-0 up just moments after a Barnet break was wasted

BARNET 1 DONS 3

Izale can't haunt Dons

IT WAS perhaps inevitable that Izale McLeod would have some part to play in this second round FA Cup tie.

As soon as the draw paired Dons with Barnet, thoughts turned to a reunion with the striker who is still the club's all-time leading goalscorer.

The proverbial script writers had penned a role for McLeod, but unfortunately for his new employers the player fluffed his lines.

There were two major incidents where the man who Dons once sold to Charlton for a then club record of £1.5million was key.

With the game poised at 0-0 in the first half, McLeod was left one-on-one with David Martin but he scuffed his shot horribly wide.

Had it hit the target, which it should have done at the very least, then Martin would have been in trouble.

That miss was punished when Darren Potter's scored his first goal for Dons since arriving at the club in the summer with a beautiful low drive which nestled in the bottom corner.

McLeod would have the chance to make amends but he again wasted the moment.

With his side still trailing by just one, the striker sped forward with the ball on a swift Barnet break.

Bees team-mates Mark Byrne and Ricky Holmes were excellently placed to either side of him and had he found either one of them an equaliser looked to be a certainty.

However, McLeod went for glory on his own and the ball deflected harmlessly away.

The man who is currently top scorer in League Two has had a superb campaign so far and would have expected much better for himself.

Like his miss in the first half it was a big let-off for Dons, and this time they took just seconds to punish the wastefulness.

Potter found MacDonald with a well weighted pass and the club's poacher weaved around keeper Dean Brill before tapping home an all-important second.

In no time at all the hosts had gone from a potential chance to level to being out of the cup time and the side managed by former Wimbledon cup hero Lawrie Sanchez were forced to reflect on what might have been.

McLeod did find the net late on but it would prove to be too little, too late.

A shot by Sam Deering flashed through a crowd of bodies and was well saved by Dons sub keeper Ian McLoughlin, who was introduced for his first full appearance after Martin hobbled off with a dead leg.

McLeod pounced on the rebound and steered in a finish from a narrow angle but the match was in its dying stages and Dons were in no mood to put up with a tense last few minutes anyway.

With Barnet players pushed forward Dean Lewington released Daniel Powell who sprinted away before lashing a thunderous finish past Brill.

The victory was sealed and for Sanchez's side it will go down as a lesson in clinical finishing.

Dons are currently unstoppable in front of goal and have already found the net over 60 times in all competitions this season.

With that sort of strike rate you need to take your chances when they come along, particularly if you are a League Two side up against a club challenging for promotion to the Championship.

Barnet and McLeod failed to deliver when it mattered and they paid the price.

But if the reception given to the striker from the travelling support is anything to go by, then McLeod's generosity has not put off fans who would like to see him grace the stadiummk turf once more.

In the opening stages of the game there was nothing to suggest a division gap, with both sides enjoying spells of pressure.

Potter's inclusion was perhaps a surprise as the midfielders has been playing recently after taking pain killing injections.

Robinson didn't rest him though which proved to be a good decision as the former Sheffield Wednesday man was the heartbeat for Dons in the middle of the park.

His presence proved to be pivotal as Barnet, who were intent on taking the game to the visitors, failed to break down a hard working midfield and defence which was, in the main, solid.

Despite their spells on top neither Martin or McLoughlin were seriously tested on a regular basis, with most home attacks simply petering out to nothing.

For that reason it was Dons who went through.

Dan Powell celebrates the third

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ICE HOCKEY

Lightning streak at six

FROM BACK PAGE

but won't be giving the Jets any early gifts."

Lightning flew out of the traps against Basingstoke on Wednesday and were in front with less than 40 seconds played thanks to Leigh Jamieson's strike.

Adam Carr then rattled a shot off the frame of the goal but MK only had the early strike to show for their efforts at the end of the first period.

Nicky Chinn then levelled for Bison but Lightning caught them cold again after the face-off – Adam Brittle restoring the lead only moments after it had been lost.

Basingstoke struck back again when Joe Miller scored on the powerplay but Poole led by example to put Lightning back in front just before the third period.

Lightning hit the frame twice more and Bison battled for a leveller in vain – before Juraj Gracik slid home a late empty netter for the fourth.

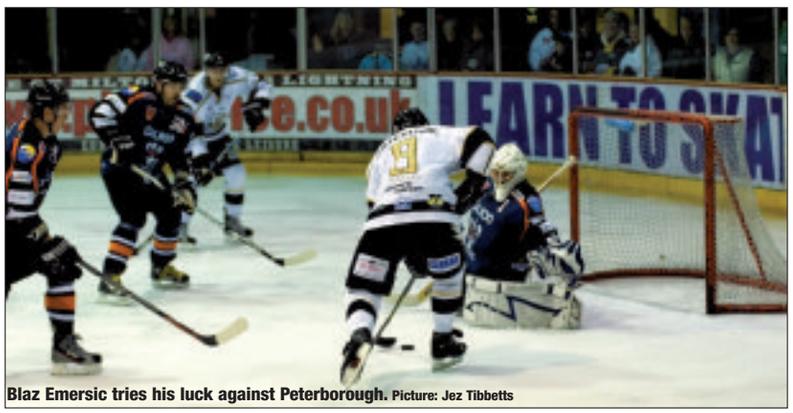
Saturday's match against Peterborough marked a return for the injured Ross Bowers but there wasn't such a great start when Jeff Glowa put the visitors in front.

Lightning were unable to take advantage of an early powerplay when Peterborough were given a bench minor penalty for too many men, and the Phantoms failed to capitalise when Poole was called for hooking and Adam Brittle sat out for tripping.

Luke Ferrara made it 2-0 less than four minutes into the second period and it looked like a tough ask for Lightning, but the home side battled back and demonstrated a never say die attitude.

The pressure was cranked up and Blaz Emersic pulled one back with 37 minutes on the clock.

Ross Green, who will join up with his Great Britain U20 team-mates this week at the World Championships, sat out a two minute penalty for interference but Phantoms were unable to take advantage and Lightning equalised late on in dramatic circumstances.



Blaz Emersic tries his luck against Peterborough. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

Poole's side withdrew net minder Barry Hollyhead in favour of an extra outfield skater – a tactic which usually results in the opposition sliding the puck into an empty net.

This time, however, it worked in Lightning's favour when Juraj Gracik found the net with only 47 seconds left in the match.

Overtime came and went with no extra goals to send the game to penalties, which turned out to be a short and sharp affair.

Emersic scored at the first attempt, and Maris Ziedins then shot wide for Peterborough.

The win was secure when Glowa missed the second shot for the Phantoms after Lightning skipper Adam Carr had tucked home.

Against Telford Jamieson grabbed an even earlier goal than the one against Basingstoke with a strike after 32 seconds, and the same player then turned provider for Zatopek to make it two in the second period.

Tom Norton extended the lead with his first Lightning goal, supplied by Michael Farn, and after Scott McKenzie's consolation for Telford, Poole made if four.

Off the rink, Grant McPherson has confirmed ligament damage and will be out for four weeks, and Michael Wales also has a knock.

MKS Thunder beat Oxford City Stars 4-2 on Sunday after an 11-1 defeat to league favourites Romford Raiders on Saturday.

BASKETBALL

VINCE'S VIEW

LIONS CHIEF VINCE MACAULAY: ONLY IN MK NEWS

WELL done to all at the Lions for putting on a real show for the Sky TV cameras at the arena last week.

Sensational viewing figures for Sky and of course the all-important win.

Sky TV were delighted with the arena and the facilities and we shall be seeing them down here a number of times this season. The game itself was a real thriller, certainly up until Nuno did his impression of the Harlem Globetrotters – nailing that shot from the half way line – the roof nearly lifted with the noise.

From there on coach New and the boys took the Worcester Wolves apart and claimed the much deserved win.

Nuno won man of the match, but Stefan Gill and Daniel Northern played their part as indeed the whole team did because they have worked hard to focus on the areas needing attention to make sure we become a really hard team to beat. This weekend sees two games for us.

Firstly we host BBL new boys, Durham Wildcats who, are new to the League but have a wily old fox as head coach in the shape of Dave Elderkin.

Dave has masses of experience and just by looking at their results you can see they have a knack for slowing the game down and keeping the scoring low. Tip-off on Friday is at 7.30pm with tickets still available.

On Sunday we travel to Chester to face a Cheshire Jets side that has struggled a little with a very short roster but have claimed a trio of wins due to some key players in their line-up, namely Matt Schneck and Colin O'Reilly. This will be a test for us and we do need to start winning on the road.

Last Friday the arena was actually jam packed with children as we hosted the 12 finalists of the MKS Primary Schools basketball tournament.

Congratulations to the National League U13s and U16s who all claimed victories this weekend, the U15s will be next so do try and check us out at home as the juniors are all coming along a treat.

In the meantime, I leave you with this week's nugget: "Love never fails, Character never quits and with Patience and Persistence, Dreams do come true" - Pete Maravich.

Wildcats next up after win in front of the cameras

MK LIONS had a ball in front of the television cameras last time out and now the aim is a simple one – let's kick on from here.

Sky Sports beamed last Tuesday's 99-82 home win over the Worcester Wolves live and the viewing public saw Mike New's men chalk up a deserved victory after a fine display.

There were several moments worthy of the cameras but Nuno Pedroso's monster three pointer from nearly half way down the court stood out.

The huge basket from the Portuguese player, who excelled on the night, was right on the buzzer of the third quarter and put Lions back in front going into the fourth.

From there the hosts never looked back and they cruised home for a vital British Basketball League (BBL) victory.

New knows however that the good feeling felt after the match will count for nothing unless Lions can chalk up a winning streak.

They next face Durham Wildcats at home on Friday – a new club in the BBL – before heading to Cheshire Jets on Sunday.

New told MK NEWS: "It was a good feeling to take some things from training into the game against Worcester.

"Sometimes this season we have left things in training, but that wasn't the case so it was rewarding.

"Having it in front of the cameras made it special as well, that was an added bonus."

Durham are currently tenth in the BBL standings, with Lions sitting joint eighth, and New is expecting a tough game against the side in their debut season.

He said: "I know that they like to slow things down, where as our pace is very up tempo," he said.

"There will be contrasting styles, but we'll try and build on our success.

"They are one of the top three point shooting teams so we will need to stop them from the three point line.

Nuno Pedroso shone against Worcester. Picture: Robert Dowell.

The trip to Cheshire will also prove to be a tricky match as Lions have yet to taste success on the road in the league.

"We've had a tough streak on the road against Glasgow, Newcastle and Plymouth," New said.

"Other sides will go there and the results will not be pretty."

There are currently no physical injuries in the Lions squad, although a couple of players are struggling with a flu bug, which New is trying to prevent spreading throughout the team.

Meanwhile, two Lions are riding high in the individual player stats tables.

Guard Demarius Bolds leads the BBL in points, with an average of 24 per game, and steals, with an average of 3.8 per game.

Power forward Dan Northern, who told MK NEWS that he 'likes to lead leagues' has the most blocks with an average of two per outing.

The Durham game tips off at 7.30pm.

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY UNION

Grove 35 Milton Keynes 20

THIS was a difficult league game in the Southern Counties North for MK, who struggled with the ref all game and ended the contest with three yellow and two red cards.

Seven penalties were given away in the first seven minutes alone and Grove quickly opened up a 10-0 lead.

The game was tightly contested for 70 minutes and MK scored tries through Richard Hill, Gavin Whitehead and Kieran O'Connell, but they were always up against it with numbers constantly being a man light.

High Wycombe 59 Olney 0

IT WAS a bad day at the office for Olney in the who failed to get on the board at High Wycombe, who ran in seven tries in the one-sided South West One East contest.

Reading 30 Bletchley 10

READING picked up a bonus point win over Bletchley in the South West One East.

At one stage the Berkshire club led 20-3, but Josh Sprules did eventually grab a try for Bletchley which was converted by Phil Harman.

There was no route back though as Reading extended their lead to secure the win.

HOCKEY

Reading Ladies 2nds 2 MK Ladies 1sts 5

HAVING fallen to their first defeat of the season last Saturday, MK faced a tough away game at top of the league Reading, but they came away with an emphatic victory.

Despite Reading claiming a 2-0 lead, MK fought back in style to lead 3-2 at half-time thanks to goals from Gemma Meredith and two from Sophie Reynolds.

In the second half there was no stopping the city side, with another two goals from Reynolds, taking her total to four, confirming the impressive result which leaves MK second in the league.

SWIMMING

AN ELITE group of City of Milton Keynes Swim Club swimmers competed at the Winter South East Swimming Championships in Aldershot.

The team brought back a large medal haul and had more finalists than in the past.

Head coach Greg Buck said: "This a high standard meet at a tough time of the season to swim fast.

"We have had a solid start to this season but with the high levels of training we are currently doing I am looking forward to the next few months where I expect us to swim even faster."

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club were narrowly beaten by Bedford and County at match three of the Chiltern Cross Country League in St Albans, although the club still holds the overall lead.

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Robbo gives players the credit after award nod

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KARL Robinson gave his MK Dons squad the credit after his second manager-of-the-month nomination of the season.

The 31-year-old won the League One prize for August and is now in contention again for November after his side completed a perfect month.

In that time Dons beat Rochdale, Colchester and Wycombe to put themselves in touching distance of the automatic promotion spots.

It's a run which has also put memories of September and October, when the club won just three out of 11 league games, to bed.

That run began after Robinson won manager-of-the-month in August so if he is successful again he will hope that the supposed 'curse' doesn't kick in once more.

Sheffield Wednesday manager Gary Megson, Charlton boss Chris Powell and Bury's Richie Barker are also in the frame.

But Robinson said that if he does win it wouldn't be about him.

"It means that the players are doing something right," the Dons boss told MK NEWS.

"I know that I get the award if it comes through but it's all about the players scoring goals and doing well.

"It's not about myself or John Gorman, it's a big thank you to them really.

"Whatever happens, happens, and if I get it I getit , if I don't get it, I don't.

"We've just got to concentrate on winning the next game."

Striker Jabo Ibehre is in line for the player-of-the-month award along with Charlton's Michael Morrison, Sheffield United's Ched Evans and Bury's Peter Sweeney.

"It's great for him and the club," Robinson said.

"Jabo's been immense over the last few weeks and I think it's important that people remember what he's done."

It will be a return to a familiar part of the world for Robinson this weekend as Dons meet Tranmere Rovers in a League One clash.

Les Parry's team are not in the best of form, having not won in six, but Robinson is still expecting a tough assignment.

He said: "Everyone knows how difficult it is when you go to Tranmere.

"It's difficult to compete and play football, we spoke on Monday about a game plan.

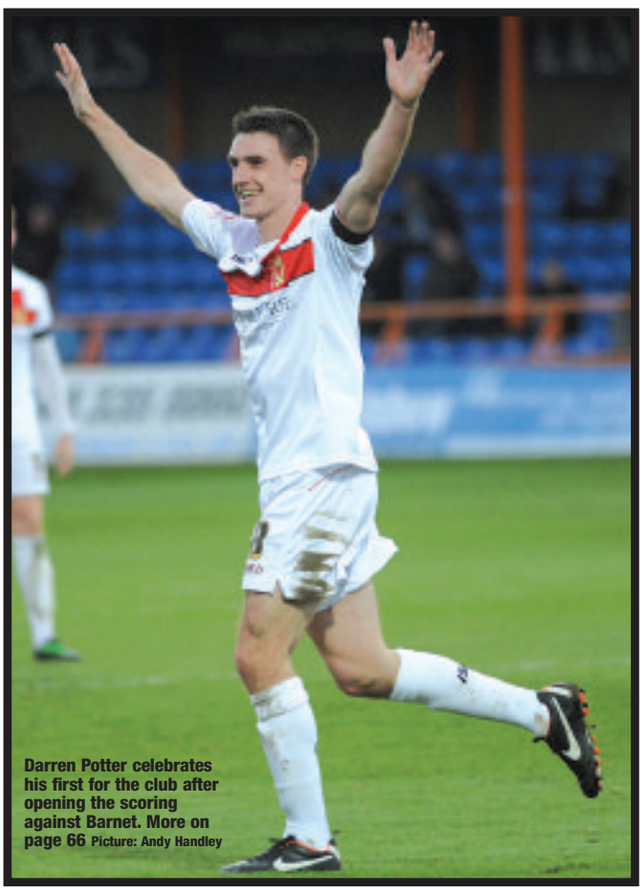
"We're going to try and use a system that we think will work and get us the victory.

"I lost there last season so I want to put that right."

Meanwhile, Dons have landed a home-tie against Premier League QPR in the third round of the FA Cup in January, after beating Barnet on Saturday.

Robinson said: "I was over the moon, I don't know why but I'm a closet QPR fan.

"They are currently the 11th best team in the country."



Darren Potter celebrates his first for the club after opening the scoring against Barnet. More on page 66 Picture: Andy Handley

Six of the best as Lightning hit form

ANY talk of inconsistent weekends is now a thing of the past at MK Lightning as Nick Poole's side have strung together an impressive six wins in a row.

Not even the tough prospect of three games in five days could knock MK off their stride, as they duly won all three to lift themselves to third in the English Premier League table.

Basingstoke Bison were dispatched for the third time this season thanks to a 4-2 win at Planet Ice on Wednesday, and on Saturday Lightning recovered from 2-0 down against local rivals Peterborough Phantoms to claim a 3-2 win on penalty shots.

The hat-trick was completed on Sunday with a 4-1 away victory in Telford to cap off an excellent few days' work.

Next up is this weekend's double header against Slough Jets and Lightning have no plans for their winning streak to be brought to a halt.

Assistant coach Lewis Clifford said: "The guys can't wait to get on the ice for these games – we know they won't be easy, but as an athlete you want to play against the other top players and teams and test yourself to the limit.

"We know if we come through these two games with the results we want, we'll be in fantastic shape going into the Christmas break.

"A lot of fantastic hockey has been played already this season but the fans haven't seen half of it yet, I think our best is yet to come.

"Maybe this weekend is the weekend we will hit top form – it would certainly be good if it was.

"The Jets are a top team who can beat anyone on their day and we'll have to be at our very best to make sure we beat them again.

"Our win at Slough in October was a great example of us playing our game to our system, and grinding out a tightly fought victory.

"The fans are in for a real treat this weekend, whether they are travelling to Berkshire on Saturday or waiting until the home game on Sunday, as they'll be two absolutely cracking games.

"We may be in the festive period now

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